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WILSON MESSAGE SENT TO SOVIETS AS MEETING OPENS

President Assures Moscow Congress of Sympathy Of American People

WILL HELP RUSSIA

To Do All Possible to Help It Secure Independence Again

BOLSHEVIKI BARRED

Report Says Anarchists Will Not Admit Them Into Moscow

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson has telegraphed to the American Consul in Moscow, as follows:

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the Congress of Soviets to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment, when the German power has been thrust in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and to substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia.

"Although the Government of the United States unhappily is not in a position to render direct effective aid, it would wish to render it. I beg to assure the people of Russia, through the Congress of Soviets, that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world.

"The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in their attempt to free themselves for ever from autocratic government and to become the master of their own life."

Ultimatum In Vladivostok

London, March 12.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail states that the Allied Consuls in Vladivostok have issued an ultimatum to the local authorities demanding the reconstitution of the Government existing before the Bolsheviki and the protection of their nationals.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the anarchists are in possession of Moscow and are determined to fight the Petrograd Bolsheviki if the latter succeed in reaching the city. The Bolshevik leaders are being closely watched in Petrograd with a view of preventing them leaving.

Dr. Dillon, writing in the Daily Telegraph, gives the gist of numerous letters he has received from representative men in Russia declaring that the Germans have already secured the support of important financial and social interests in Russia for their schemes and an arrangement has actually been reached to restore the monarchy.

Russians Would Aid Japan

Dr. Dillon's correspondents believe that these schemes can be thwarted because there are other influential and active elements who would be overjoyed if the Entente restored order. The former prejudice and suspicion of Japanese intervention has disappeared during the last few weeks and the Japanese could reckon on the co-operation of numerous political and military elements if they entered the country as rescuers. There are 6,000 refugee officers in Vladivostok alone.

The Polish army is the most effective military organisation in the country and many of the present supporters of the Bolsheviki would change sides immediately if their fear of shooting or imprisonment was removed.

Copenhagen, March 11.—The newspaper Politikin states that the commercial treaty between Russia and Germany will include a plan for the construction of a great canal from the Baltic to the Black Sea, which German financiers are willing to finance.

Amsterdam, March 12.—Herr von Mumm, formerly German Minister at Peking, has gone to Kieff as temporary Diplomatic Representative to the Ukraine.

A telegram from Berlin announces that Tchicherin, the Maximalist Com-

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Mr. Lloyd George Defends Northcliffe Appointment

Justifies Naming Publishers To Office But Denies Any Connection With Actions Of Their Papers

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—In the House of Commons this afternoon replying to Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Premier expressed his disagreement with the contention that owners and directors of newspapers should not hold ministerial offices. Lord Northcliffe held no ministerial office, while Lord Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook gave up all direction of their papers as soon as they were appointed ministers. They were both exceptionally able men. Lord Rothermere had already reorganised an important department of the War Office and his administration of that Department had been an unqualified success. Lord Beaverbrook had organised the propaganda in Canada very sucessfully.

The Premier emphasised the importance of propaganda, which the enemy had used with deadly effect in Russia and Italy. Lord Northcliffe had made a special study of conditions in enemy countries and no man better qualified to direct propaganda in enemy countries could be found in the British Empire. The Government was grateful to him for taking the post. Propaganda in all other allied countries and Germany was conducted almost exclusively by experienced newspaper men and, despite the inevitable prejudices which the Government apprehended might be excited, they had concluded that they must follow that example as the only means of securing effective presentation for the Allied cause.

His one object in this as in all other Government appointments was to secure the man best qualified to do the work efficiency.

Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that he was in no way responsible for the attacks on Admirals and Generals. It had been suggested that a member of his staff inspired such attacks. He had thoroughly investigated the matter and unhesitatingly declared that the imputation was utterly unfounded and unjust.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the principles laid down by Mr. Lloyd George were satisfactory but there had been too much coincidence between the newspaper attacks on Government servants and removals of the latter. He regretted the Premier had not made a clean cut and swept away forever the atmosphere of suspicion and intrigue.

Mr. Asquith deplored organised press campaigns in wartime against soldiers and sailors, the first of which was against Lord Kitchener, which Mr. Asquith felt very keenly, with the consequence that he advised the King to bestow the Order of the Garter upon Lord Kitchener at the earliest opportunity, which His Majesty did. It was of the utmost importance that the Government should be free of suspicion of direct association with the operations of the press, and, therefore, he advocated that the Department of Propaganda should be absolutely water-tight and without any influence on the policy of the Government.

Winding up the debate, the Premier accepted the fundamental principles laid down by Mr. Asquith. He said that after his explanation that afternoon there had been no real challenge of the action of the Government. Mr. Lloyd George concluded by paying a tribute to Lord Northcliffe, from the point of view of news organisation, as a man of genius and one of the greatest news organisers in the world.

COTTON GODOWN FIRE DESTROYS LARGE STOCK

About 500 Bales Burned In Fierce Blaze At Poo Yih Storehouse

In the neighborhood of five hundred bales of cotton were burned and the Brigade was given a fierce five-hour fight when fire swept through the upper floor of godown A of the Poo Yih Cotton Mill Co., 37 West Soochow Road, yesterday afternoon.

The fire broke out shortly before 1 p.m. and a general alarm was turned in. The Brigade was severely handicapped by the intense heat and dense smoke. The godown was packed with bales of Tungchow cotton and efforts were begun to remove as much as possible. At 6 p.m. over 500 bales had been taken out, a large number of them undamaged. There are said to have been over 1,000 bales on the upper floor, valued at half a lakh. The lower floor was also packed with cotton but the concrete floor structure saved it. The Brigade succeeded in keeping the blaze confined to the one building and an adjoining godown, containing cotton to the value of over a lakh, was unaffected. At 9 p.m. there was little fire left in the building.

'PHONE RATE REVISION ADVISED BY COUNCIL

Suggest Extending Of Exchange Radii For Another Mile

Possibility of a revision of the telephone rates is intimated in a lengthy correspondence published in this week's Municipal Gazette.

The correspondence grew out of complaints made by Mr. E. S. Little and Dr. J. B. Fearn back in 1916 regarding the increased rate charged for installations outside the 2½ mile radius about the "exchange." Mr. Little contended that though his home might be more than 2½ miles from the Central exchange, it was not so far from the district exchange. The company's contention was that the word "exchange" applied only to the Central exchange. The Council and the Company exchanged letters and representatives had a meeting, as a result of which the Council, on February 23 of this year, gave as its opinion that, considering the development of the business and increase in number of subscribers, the time had arrived for a revision of the rates and suggested the extension of the radii governing charges by one mile.

A reply from the company states that the matter is before the board of directors.

FRENCH FELL FOUR OF GERMAN AIR RAIDERS

Paris Bombed Despite Barrage, But Gallic Aviators Retaliate On Aerodromes

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 12.—The Germans lost three four-seated Gothas and one biplane in the air raid last night. seven squadrons participated and approached the capital from two directions.

Our aeroplanes, in a counter-offensive, dropped 5,800 kilogrammes of bombs on the aerodromes from which the raiders departed.

The Germans acknowledge the loss of two Gothas in the raid on Paris.

The official report says that seven enemy aeroplane squadrons attacked Paris at ten o'clock yesterday evening. Bombs were dropped at several points, causing casualties and damage.

One of the raiding Gothas has been felled in flames near Chateau Thierry and the crew taken prisoners.

The alarm was given at 9 p.m. and the "All Clear" signal at midnight. Sixty machines crossed the French lines. The barrage was very intense throughout but a certain number of aeroplanes reached their objectives and dropped numerous bombs in Paris and the suburbs with the result that several buildings were demolished or set on fire.

London, March 12.—The Press Bureau announces:

In the air raid on March 7 nine men, eight women and three children were killed and forty-five persons injured. It is feared that one body has not been recovered.

A German official commmunique reports:

Last night we copiously and successfully bombed Paris in retaliation for the attacks made by the enemy on the 9th and 10th on Stuttgart, Esslingen, Inter-Tuerkheim and Mainz.

Ask Bids For Repairs On American Consulate

Bids for repair work and alterations on the buildings of the American Consulate General are called for in an advertisement published in today's issue. Drawings and specifications for the examinations of contractors will be kept on file beginning Saturday at the Consulate and the offices of the architect, Mr. G. F. Ashley, 39A Kiangse Road.

The Welcome Call To Dinner Somewhere In France

These United States marines have stopped their arduous training at the welcome sound of the dinner bell. The boys come with a rush at the sound of the gong and do not leave their appetites behind. The men get the best of food and the second helping for the the asking.

GERMANS MAKE ATTACK ON BRITISH IN FLANDERS

Drive On 1,000-Yard Front At Passchendaele Is Repulsed

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 12.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

The Australians made successful raids on hostile posts eastward and northeastward of Messines, killed a number of the enemy and took a few prisoners. Our casualties were light.

There have been reciprocal artillery actions southeastward of Armentieres and eastward and northeastward of Ypres.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported last evening:

We repulsed three raids which followed a heavy bombardment in the neighborhood of Armentieres.

The enemy attempted a large raid this morning, his infantry attacking on a front of 1,000 yards northwestward of Passchendaele. Everywhere the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

An hostile party entered a post southward of Houthulst Forest. We immediately recaptured it.

Aviation.—A haze interfered with air work on Sunday. Nevertheless 400 bombs were dropped on the railway stations at Menin, Roulers, Ledeghem, Cambrai and Solesmis and other targets. We destroyed three balloons, brought down six aeroplanes and drove down seven. Four of ours are missing.

Paris, March 12.—The official communique issued this afternoon reports:

There were fairly lively bombardments during the night on the right of the Meuse in the region of Reillon, Ancreviller and Souain.

A German aeroplane was brought down on the night of the 11th north of Soissons by our special guns and the three occupants, two of whom were officers, were taken prisoners.

MORE BOLSHEVIK TROOPS ARRIVING IN MANCHURIA

Maximalists Get Heavy Reinforcements But Chinese Hold Position Near Frontier

Reuter's Pacific Service

Harbin, March 13.—There has been no change at Manchuria. The Chinese continue to occupy a position near the frontier while the Bolsheviki are continually receiving reinforcements.

A despatch from Habarovsk states that the Bolsheviki have blown up two bridges to prevent the White Guards advancing from Blagovestchensk,

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—In the House of Commons today Mr. A. J. Balfour stated that the Government had no information that Japanese forces have arrived in Siberia. He could not say when he would be able to give any information with regard to the proposed intervention of Japan.

Kills Self In Jail While On Trial For Hamilton Slaying

Chinese Accused Of Shooting Policeman Hangs Himself At Night In Cell

The chief accused in the Sergeant "Con" Hamilton murder case, one Tseu Zen-ding, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging himself in his cell at Louza police station. He hung himself with the bandage from the wound which he was believed to have received in the Hamilton shooting affray and which led to his arrest in hospital some week ago. [illegible]

This sensational event occurred following the first day's hearing of the case. At the conclusion of Tuesday's session in court Tseu was evidently greatly disturbed by the developments. He was removed to the cell at Louza station and up until about five o'clock yesterday morning was alive, being seen at that time walking about in the cell by Sergeant Ferguson. At 6 a.m. a Chinese police constable visited the room and got no response to a call. He summoned the Sergeant and the body was found suspended from one of the window bars, the cotton bandage from his wound about his throat. He had strangled himself by kneeling down. Attempts were made to revive him but failed.

British Assessor Byrne and Magistrate Tseng sat at an inquest held at the Mortuary later in the morning and gave a verdict of suicide, to which was added the finding that all precautions for the safe keeping of the prisoner had been observed.

Trial of the other accused, Wong Koh-sze, was concluded before Assessor Grant Jones and Magistrate Kwan yesterday afternoon, judgment to be delivered tomorrow.

Wong, in the box, entered a general denial to the allegations made against him by the police but was evasive under examination.

Some damaging hearsay evidence was given by one Li Sz-kya who was arrested following a visit he paid Tseu at the Paulin hospital. Li declared that he was told by a man named Wu Siao Wu Tse, now in Canton, that Tseu and four or five others, all armed, were going to commit a robbery in the Carter Road when they were confronted by Sergeant Hamilton's search party. Wu had told him that the foreigner in the party was killed. Tseu then went to Wong's house and was taken by the latter to a Dr. Wong in Chapei and later to the Sunkiang Hospital on Avenue Joffre, the hospital of which Dr. Kiang, a previous witness, is in charge.

A watchman at the Paulin Hospital testified to seeing Wong calling on Tseu at that place. The accused denied this. Further evidence of arrest was given and the case was then concluded.

Aircraft Harassing Retreating Turks

Former Garrison Of Hit Now Driven Back 22 Miles By Galling Pursuit

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—An official despatch from Mesopotamia reports:

The garrison of Hit has continued its retirement and now occupies Khan Baghdadi, twenty-two miles above Hit. Our aircraft attacked the retreating Turks and inflicted heavy casualties.

BAKER PLEDGES FRANCE EVERY AID FROM U.S.

America Will Give All Her Resources If Necessary, He Tells Paris Journalists

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 11.—Mr. Baker, the Secretary of War of the United States, arrived here this morning. He made an enthusiastic speech to the journalists on his arrival, saying that his visit to France was a pilgrimage to the Temple of Heroism, repeating that America will engage her whole resources in the war and there can be but one result when all the strength and civilisation of large countries, such as the actual Allies, unite for the defence of the vital principles of liberty.

The first visit paid by Mr. Baker was to Marshal Joffre, to whom he expressed the certainty that every day tightens the union and co-operation of America with the Allies.

Secretary of War Baker will inspect the army commanded by General Pershing.

ANDRASSY FEARS POLES UNLESS AUSTRIA RULES

Former Austrian Premier Sees Menace That May Rend Hapsburg Empire

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Zurich, March 11.—Count Andrassy writes in a Buda-Pest paper that Poland must be taken from Russia and brought under the Hapsburgs, otherwise Polish agitations will disturb the peace of Austria-Hungary and spread chaos in Russia.

The Neue Zuercher Zeitung states that owing to the ferment against the terms of the peace with the Ukraine among the Polish legionaries at the front they have been disarmed and interned in Austria-Hungary.

PLAN AFTER-WAR JOBS FOR BRITISH OFFICERS

Scheme Under Way To Provide Employment At Home And Overseas

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 12.—A scheme is on foot under very influential auspices to provide ex-navy and ex-army officers with suitable employment at home and abroad. The support of the biggest employers in the United Kingdom and the Dominions is being enlisted.

The Weather

Very cloudy. The maximum temperature yesterday was 48.9 and the minimum 40.6, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 56.6 and 47.7.

JAPAN SENDS NOTE TO CHINA WARNING STRIFE MUST END

Note Similar To That Of America's Presented To Peking

UNITY NECESSARY

Mr. Tong Shoa-yi Leaves Shanghai Today For Tokio

DOUBT ON MISSION

Suggest He May Represent Cause Of South In Japan

Reuter's Pacific Service

Tokio, March 12.—The Asahi states that the Japanese Government has served an advice on the Chinese Government in Peking emphasising the importance of national unity by stopping internal disputes. The advice is on much the same lines as that tendered by the American Government last year.

General Ishimitsu, the Commander of the Japanese garrison, in pursuance of instructions from the Government has protested to the Chinese Government against the use of the Peking-Mukden Railway for the transport of troops by General Chang Tso-lin, the Military Governor of Fengtien, without the consent of the Powers, which constitutes an infringement of the treaty dealing with the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Northerners Retake Yochow

Peking, March 13.—A despatch from Hankow states that the Government troops, after several days fighting, are driving the Southern troops back, have captured Yuyangtze and have begun to invest Yochow.

Two more battalions of Fengtien troops have arrived at Langfang, where much annoyance and inconvenience is being caused by the soldiers insisting on examining the passengers in the trains, which are thus being delayed upwards of an hour. The Central Government has telegraphed to General Chang Tso-lin, the Military Governor of Fengtien, asking him to instruct his troops to cease these examinations.

Mr. Tong Goes To Japan

Mr. Tong Shoa-yi, one of the leaders of the Southern party, who arrived in Shanghai Sunday, leaves today for Japan. He will go direct to Tokio.

Coming in connection with Baron Hayashi's departure from Tokio for Peking and the Japanese note to Peking, as reported by Reuter's Agency, Mr. Tong's trip, and its suddenness, has aroused great speculations.

Mr. Tong himself would say little concerning the purpose of his trip. He said he was going for his health—and it is a fact that his illness is not entirely diplomatic, for he really has been in poor health—and that he would live quietly in a suburb of Tokio until he was better.

There has been talk for some time that the Southwestern government would ask recognition from Japan, but it is doubted whether Mr. Tong is going for this purpose. It is doubtful that the Southwest even wants recognition, unless it be mere recognition of its belligerency. It is more likely that the Southwest Confederation wants one of its influential men present in Japan to present its case when Japan takes definite action to force a compromise in China, as its note announced yesterday indicates it will.

In that connection Mr. Tong says that he is not a member of the Southwest cabinet, that he did not accept the ministry offered him. But though he may hold no official position it is known that he has been in consultation with those who are its heads and that he is one of its influential directors.

Of the situation in the South Mr. Tong would say little, but it is reported that there is a great deal of negotiation in progress under the surface for a solution of the present situation. But it will be a solution that is less likely to come from a formal peace conference than from the natural disintegration of the Tuchun party, which is now in its last stage.

Li Shun Must Go, Says Cabinet

The Cabinet meeting Tuesday endorsed the dismissal of General Li

Shun of Nanking as demanded by the Anhui faction, according to the Chinese Press. Although the President is at present not inclined to put the decision into effect, he will be induced to allow General Li to resign and give him some other position, it is said.

General Tuan Chi-jui in a lengthy circular telegram to the provinces announced that he will not accept the Premiership if it is offered to him. He disapproves the action of General Hsu Shu-cheng in instigating the movement of General Chang Tso-lin, branding it as deceitful. He would have gone abroad long ago, he said, had it not been previously arranged between himself and the President that he should remain in the Capital to maintain order.

A military conference of representatives of the militant Tuchuns is being held at Tohlfuchen, Chihli. General Hsu Shu-cheng left Lwanchow for that city Tuesday and will accept the office of the commander-in-chief of the Fengtien troops.

Having commandeered all the cars and locomotives of the Peking-Mukden Railway, General Chang Tso-lin has made a demand from the Ministry of Communications for another lot of 80 cars for the transportation of soldiers.

Twenty-five different replies from the provinces and special areas to the recent telegram of President Feng have been received at the Presidential Palace unanimously urging the Chief Executive to remain in office.

Plague in Tsinanfu has been absolutely stamped out. This was the announcement made by General Chiang Chao-chung, head of the Plague Prevention Commission, who returned from the Shantung capital to Peking Tuesday.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE IS DEMONSTRATED HERE

American Company to Introduce Operatorless Instruments In China Soon

It will soon be goodbye central instead of hello, if the hopes of Mr. Harry S. Janes, representative of the Automatic Electric Company of Chicago, are realised. Mr. Janes is in Shanghai for the purpose of introducing automatic telephones throughout China, and he gave a demonstration of the instrument yesterday at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on North Honan Road.

The telephones are in use in many of the cities of the United States and Great Britain, said Mr. Janes, and they are meeting with popular favor. No operator is needed to put the user in communication, the ringing and switching in being done automatically, through a centrally located plant. Each subscriber does all the work that's necessary, and the device for ringing up the party wanted is extremely simple.

The lives of telephone operators will be rendered much happier, too, by the introduction of the automatic. No longer will they be forced to listen to the mutterings of tired businessmen or the love laden expressions of the youthful. No longer will they be awakened in the early watches of the morning by some householder calling the fire department or seeking first aid. The only objection they can have is that they'll have to go to work.

The plant being demonstrated by Mr. Janes was built as a gift to the Chinese Government, and when political disturbances subside, it is said that it will be taken to Peking for permanent installation. Mr. Janes stated that the phones would be installed in many of the outports as soon as government sanction is obtained, though no immediate action in Shanghai is contemplated.

ALLIES' SHELLS HIT MANY GERMAN GUNS

Old Record Of 800 Monthly Now Surpassed, Says French General

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 11.—In a study on artillery L'Homme Libre publishes a report by General von Ludendorff, which has come into the hands of the French General Staff, which shows that the average monthly loss of the German Army in artillery reaches 870 light guns and 585 heavy ones, out of which total 655 are worn out by use and 800 destroyed by the bombardments of the Allies' artillery. General von Ludendorff considers these results excellent for the Allies.

The newspaper points out that since October 4, 1916, the date of the above report, great improvements have been made in French guns and new methods adopted which largely increase the accuracy of the firing, while the aeroplanes directing the artillery are unmistakably superior to those of the Germans in regard to flying and the speed at which they ascend. There is no doubt that General von Ludendorff will report in the near future still better results of the gun-firing of the Allies.

German Air Officers Jailed For Reprisal

Britain Makes Good Threat When Berlin Refuses To Release British Flyers

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Londop, March 12.—Failing a satisfactory reply from Germany today to the protest made by Great Britain with regard to the imprisonment of Lieutenant Scholtz and Lieutenant Wookey for distributing pamphlets by aeroplane, two Ober-Leutnants of high family belonging to the German Flying Corps, selected by the War Prisoners Department, will be imprisoned tomorrow.

Germany states that Lieutenant Scholtz and Lieutenant Wookey have been pardoned.

Great Britain has replied that it is not satisfied with this because it does not admit that any offence has been committed and further explanations are awaited and inquiries are being made regarding the camp to which these officers have been sent, whether they have arrived and regarding their treatment.

The Press Bureau yesterday had issued the following communique:

The War Prisoners Department was informed today that Lieutenant Scholtz and Lieutenant Wookey will be released and returned to their camps.

The month's notice of our intended reprisals would have expired tomorrow.

'Cheating Cheaters'

By Domino

Max Marcin's mixture of comedy and melodrama, "Cheating Cheaters," evidently sets out to prove the well worn motto "Set a thief to catch a thief." It was a "Crook" play, but it had so much humor and so much excitement that it provided an excellent evening's entertainment. A packed house seemed thoroughly to enjoy it. The applause was as generous as it was spontaneous.

The show called for practically every member of the company and Tim Frawley made a wonderfully funny double with the aid of a weird looking set of whiskers. He seemed very shy of them, for he kept his back turned to the audience the whole time. I mustn't forget to mention his other camouflage—a hat!

Henry Mortimer and Miss Browne-Decker handled the leads in their usually efficient manner. G. A. Forbes was responsible for a good deal of amusement by his clever comedy work. A special mention must be made of William A. Claire as Ira Lazarre. He gave a fine Hebraic study and his makeup was really great. That genuine actor William Howard made a good deal out of the part of Antoni Verdi. Reynolds Denniston, as a crook, was as successful as he always is in detective parts—and that is saying much. Miss Valentine Sidney thoroughly entertained the house by low comedy work as Mrs. Brockton. Miss Florence Chapman got a laugh every time she opened that nice little rose bud month of hers. Garry McGarry, E. L. Delaney and Edna Keeley provided minor parts to the complete satisfaction of everybody.

By the way, just a word in the ear of the stage manager. Either have a rehearsal with your man who manages the lights or sack him. He did all sorts of queer things last night. But we forgive him this time. It is a good show and worth a visit. All the same again to night.

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GERMANS PREPARING ATTACK ON AMERICANS?

Camouflage Constructions Are Doubled Near Toul Sector, U. S. Wireless Says

Reuter's Pacific Service

Peking, March 10.—The following telegrams received by wireless from San Diego, Cal., dated March 9, have been handed to Reuter's Agency by the American Legation:

American Front, France.—Northwest of Toul, the Germans have doubled their camouflage constructions. It is believed that they are planning something against the Americans.

London.—Thirty thousand letters from American soldiers in France were lost when the Andania was sunk off the coast of Ireland late last January.

Washington.—The Department of Agriculture grain report indicates that only about three-fifths of the record 1917 corn crop was marketable. The amount of wheat held by farmers is ten million bushels over that on March 1, 1917.

Washington.—An official despatch from Rome says that Vatican circles have been aroused by the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty, one article of which implies the return of Armenian territory held by Russia to Turkey.

Washington.—Senator Sheppard will introduce a Bill providing for Government operation of telegraph, telephone, cable and wireless systems during the war. It is announced that five cavalry regiments will be organised at the request of General Pershing.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has issued an order ruling out alcoholic drinks within five miles of eight naval training stations irrespective of whether towns are included in the specified areas.

Pacific Port.—The Japanese Military Commission has arrived. The party was entertained by the Japanese Consul.

The Hague.—A Wolf Bureau despatch says, "We have acquired a direct free route to Persia and Afghanistan via Russia."

333 Millions Taxes Garnered By France

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 11.—The returns from indirect taxes and the monopoly in February totalled Fcs. 333,442,000.

Teuton Press Ordered To Fly Peace Dove

German Idea Is To Balance Gains In Russia Against Status Quo In West

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 12.—A telegram from Berne states that the German Foreign Office has ordered the German newspapers to concentrate on a new peace offensive based on the idea of balancing the gains in the east against a status quo in the west.

NAPLES' DEATH TOLL SIXTEEN

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Naples, March 12.—Sixteen persons were killed and forty injured in the raid mentioned yesterday.

Meningitis Rumors Prove Unfounded

Stories Of Numerous Cases Here Are Denied By Health Office

The persistent rumors that a considerable number of cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis—the disease now in epidemic at Hongkong—have been discovered in Shanghai is denied by the local Health Department.

But one genuine case of the disease, a purely local case, has been found here, Dr. Stanley said yesterday. This was a Chinese living in Frenchtown and a searching investigation revealed that he had not come from Hongkong. There was no reason to suspect that spinal meningitis is being brought into Shanghai from the southern port, Dr. Stanley said, or that there is danger of it. The epidemic there now shows a more favorable phase, though the number of cases increased last week, and, with the coming of warmer weather its development will probably be checked.

It is said that a foreigner, recently returned here from Hongkong, has developed a case which bears a resemblance to the disease and is being cared for with regard to possibility of its proving to be such.

MUNICIPAL STAFF CHANGES

The following changes in the Municipal staff are reported in the Municipal Gazette, as taken from the Order Books for the week ending March 9:

Fire Brigade.—Mr. H. Upton, Clerical Assistant, is appointed Departmental Assistant from March 1.

Health Department.—Miss I. Waddell is appointed Probationer Nurse from November 14, 1917.

Educational Department.—The temporary service of Mrs. M. Saker, Assistant Mistress in the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys, will terminate on March 30.

The appointment of Miss M. D. McKay, Assistant Mistress in the Public School for Chinese, is confirmed under agreement from November 6, 1917.

CRUELTY TO ITALIANS CHARGED BY AUSTRIANS

Members Of Parliament Tells Of Outrages Committed In Occupied Territory

Reuter's Pacific Service

Peking, March 10.—The following telegram from Rome, dated March 8, has been received by Reuter's Agency from on authoritative Italian source:

The question of the brutalities of the Austrian regime in the Italian provinces has again been brought up in the Austrian Parliament by Deputy Concil, of Trent, who protested against the deliberate persecution of all notable citizens, the seizure of private funds and their expenditure in the campaign against Italy, and the tortures authorised by the Chief of Police in Trent.

IF any young man starting out in life will make up his mind to save one-tenth of his income, and stick to this determination through thick and thin, he will have enough to retire on in his old age just from accumulated savings and interest, while judicious investments from time to time would put him in really comfortable circumstances.

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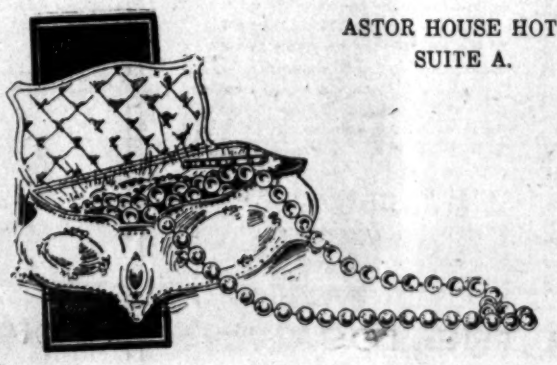

BARON GOTO QUESTIONED IN DIET ON HIS FORTUNE

Japanese Minister, Asked How He Got So Rich, Goes Into Details

(Reuter-Kokusai Service)

Tokio, March 5.—Today in the House of Representatives was a question day. With regard to the "ideas of the people" Mr. Zenryu Tanaka of the Kenseikai asked the opinion of the Government on this grave question. The people in these days, he said, are becoming extravagant in their habits. He wished to know what the Government had done in the matter. Turning to Baron Goto, he asked some pointed and personal questions. He mentioned the report that the house which is now being built for Baron Goto was costing Y600,000 and that the Baron's wealth amounts to Y.12,000,000. He called upon Baron Goto to explain how he had become so rich.

Baron Goto, with regard to the thoughts of the people, agreed that the matter was a grave one. As to his own personal affairs he said that he could not reply to every anonymous magazine article. He thought it regrettable that such attacks should be made upon Cabinet Ministers and said that it could not redound to the glory of the Diet.

"If any person has a desire to know about my possessions," said Baron Goto, "he may go to the registry office of the city and satisfy his curiosity. In 1895, when I was released from prison where I had been confined at the time of the Soma scandals, some friends presented me with a plot of ground at Amicho, Azabu, as a token of sympathy. This property I sold later for 30,000 yen. Then I bought 7,000 tsubo of land for 10,000 yen. This land is the site of my house. The property is now worth more than 350,000 yen. This increase of price is the work of the Creator."

Having investigated Baron Goto's private affairs so far, the House took up the discussion of the industrial mobilisation bill as drafted by the Government.

General Oshima explained the reasons for introducing such a bill.

He said that there was no need for him to emphasise the point that in order to carry out the work of national defence a mobilisation of the industrial resources is necessary.

The Bill had been introduced, he said, in order that the Government might be ready for any emergency.

Mr. Masutaro Takaki of the Kokuminto asked a few questions. He wished to know whether the Bill was a permanent or a temporary measure; what were the relations between the army and the navy; what guarantees were given for losses; how much property had Japan in Siberia; and what was the policy of the Government towards the rumor of a German advance in Siberia and the threat of submarine warfare in the Far East.

General Oshima simply replied that the object of the Bill was to make preparations for the execution of the plan of industrial mobilisation. He made no reply with regard to the questions about Siberia.

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Under the Hermes. By Richard Dehan. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. $1.50 (gold).

The title of Mr. Kipling's latest volume of short stories would have served admirably for "Richard Dehan's." The heterogeneity of "Under the Hermes" is even more startling than the psychology of some of the character. It is only when you have gone half way through the volume, however, that you come to realise that the diversity of this collection of short stories is largely and almost solely a diversity of locale, not so much a diversity of creatures as of places. The heroic young man of the tropical melodrama "The Queen of Ruatava" is really the same young man who undertakes knighterrantry in the mediaeval sketch "Brother Nightingale." The former manages sharks and the villain with a familiar dexterity; the latter is the conventional, cloistered young man off on a chivalrous mission at the behest of a newly met lady. "The Jest," a longer story, laid in mediaeval Germany, is vitiated by a meretricious glamor of sentimentality of the sort which makes even "The Idylls of the King"—for all their chaste beauty of expression—too cloying for many people. Here the expression, far from lovely, is cumbersome. Is there really any need of such a sentence as this: "Master Heinz Bierdopff, then, with sober gown tucked in at the leathern girdle, silver-clasped and studded, over whose boundaries generously bulged—this in despite of the anatomist—the true pineal gland or, abdominal wallet, wherein the heart and soul of man are situated—having turned his furred sleeves aside and given into the keeping of his clerk, Christian Zell, the worshipful hat, which to the fancy of the urchins of Wittau loomed above brows portentous as those of the Olympian Zeus—if indeed they had ever heard of such a monarch!—having borrowed a hammer of Memling the carpenter, and spat in workmanlike fashion in the palms of both hands, speedily fell to upon the task appointed him in virtue of his office, and, in not more than half a score lusty blows, drave the nail through the stout parchment and home to the very head in the sturdy oak." One is reminded of De Quincey's remark about the sentence of the German metaphysician's, which is like a carryall for the transportation of objects all and sundry!

But there is more to this volume than these unsuccessful mediaeval studies. Were it composed entirely of these, or of such futile and familiar yarn-spinning as "The Queen of Ruatava" or of the thin supernaturalism of the story from which the book gets its title, this review would perhaps be already ended. But the author is capable of better, and proves it—proves it in "Peter," a delicate fantasy of an "episode in the lives of Pierrot and Pierrette," with its allegorical significance faintly hinted; shows it above all in the eighteenth century studies. "The Complete Housewife" and "The Mortality of the Divine Emilie," which contains a really excellent portrait of Voltaire; shows it again in some unusual and fantastic myth-stories, which have the freshness and jollity of primitive folk-lore, telling of how the Eskimo Yanko married fourteen wives and how Kalosha, ambitious of wisdom, ravished the tooth of Taloo. These have humor, individuality, charm. They reveal an insight which the first mentioned stories entirely conceal.

Take "The Compleat Housewife." Here is a satirical sketch of the eighteenth century as unhackneyed as the mediaevalism of "The Jest" is negligible. It would be well for those who know the eighteenth century only through the scented pages of Austin Dobson to offset their notion with this story of a "Battaglio Pie." The gluttony of the time is nicely satirised; the ghostly dame who returns to tell how her husband died of sheer over-repletion is as amusing as it is true. It was a robust time and this story is true to it. In "The Mortality of the Divine Emily"—the best thing in the volume—we see the eighteenth century again and this time in the company of no less a person than Francais Marie Arouet de Voltaire. It is very neatly done; the "cadaverous splendor" of the great man is made real; the portrait is deftly sketched and with high lights of wit. Having been for some time in the country, Voltaire rouges his cheeks, with the remark: "The pallor of Parisian salons should by this time have retired in favor of the healthful roses of the country." The story shows a sure feeling for atmosphere and careful workmanship. It is too bad that the one who wrote it did not pause to write a book as good. For after all literature cannot be "put together" like a puzzle-map. Much of "Under the Hermes" seems composed by exactly such a process. "Richard Dehan" should abandon such mechanics to those who have not his delicacy and wit.

Robin Hood. By Paul Creswick. (David McKay.) $2.50 (gold).

After all, Robin Hood is about the nicest hero of childhood because he is as beloved by little girls as by little boys. There is all the gallantry and chivalry, the charm and mystery dear to feminine hearts, be they six or sixty, and all the adventure and bravery, the daring and cunning worshipped envously by males of eight years or eighty. Shall you ever forget, if you belong to the masterful sex, how Robin's arrow split that of Hubert of Normandy, quivering in the very center of the bullseye? Or if you are one of the numerous eternal feminine, shall you ever, ever be able to remember without a little sigh of contentment how Robin passed by the sheriff's daughter to give the golden arrow to Maid Marian? Of course you would have been Maid Marian had you lived then. And Little John—do you remember when he threw Robin into the river? And pulled him out again to take his hand and become one of his most faithful followers? And now that you are grown up, can't you almost cry at the tragedy of gallant Robin's death? They really should have a copy of Robin Hood, you know—those precious children. And Mr. Creswick's version is exquisitely written and illustrated with full page colored pictures of Robin, broad shouldered and blond, of dark eyed Maid Marian, and rough Little John, and of the Greenwood.

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RAILLESS TRAM PERMITS SOUGHT FROM COUNCIL

Extension Of Nine Miles Is Proposed By Shanghai Company In Published Plea

A plea for permits for the extension of the railless traction service in Shanghai, appears in today's issue of the Municipal Gazette. The article was prepared by the Shanghai Tramways and it was written at this time because additional electric producing units are contemplated, the Fearon Road station being operated at full capacity.

The Tramway Company states that it wishes to learn what its requirements will be in the future.

Championing the railless lines, the Tramways Company points out the small number of accidents and the absence of a single fatality along the mile course now traversed. It also points out the need of additional carriers as a remedy for traffic congestion which has materially increased since the introduction of railless cars in this city.

An interesting comparison is made between the space occupied by one of the cars and rickshas sufficient in number to accommodate the same number of passengers. This comparison reveals the fact that 28 rickshas would occupy 16 times the space of one car.

The existing tramway mileage here is less than one fourth that of America and about one fourth that of Great Britain, in proportion to population, which means, said the statement, that Shanghai is inadequately supplied with electric transportation service.

Wherever the Tramway Company is granted railless franchises it pays half the cost of putting in suitable concrete roads, which indicates a saving for the municipality. The revenue accruing to the city from the cars is also said to be more than that from other public conveyances.

Concrete evidences of greater prosperity along the tram lines on Fokien Road is also produced by the Tramway Company as an argument for extension privileges.

Political Meetings Banned By Council

Hotels, theaters, lodging houses and all licensed places of public gathering or entertainment must hereafter not allow any meetings of political nature according to an announcement in the Municipal Gazette. Addresses and discussion of political nature are banned, as well as the distribution of inflammatory or other literature which might cause a breach of the peace—this latter applying to lodging houses only. The prohibitions are made a part of license conditions.

News Brevities

Judgment in the case against Sung Jan-fu charged with the murder of Admiral Tseng will be rendered at the Mixed Court Friday.

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The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., will hold its annual meeting of shareholders at 2 Jinkee Road, this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

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The Shanghai Club will hold its annual general meeting at 5.30 p.m. today.

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Northern papers report the murder of an engineer of the Peking-Hankow Railway, named Inglis, by unknown assassins. The victim was killed and thrown into a well.

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A Rumanian named C. G. Christou was charged in the Mixed Court yesterday with disorderly conduct under the influence of liquor as well as with assaulting Sikh constable No. 146 and damaging his uniform. The accused spoke little English and the case was remanded till Friday for the police to engage an interpreter.

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Owing to the great demand for seats for the exhibition of British Official War films to be given Saturday evening, all seats booked and not paid for by Friday noon will be re-sold.

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Mr. T. Ball, representative of the well-known Parisian firm of Tecla, has decided to remain in Shanghai a few days longer. Those who have not yet inspected, at the Astor House hotel, his beautiful collection of high-class French workmanship in brooches, rings, pendants, necklaces, etc., will be well advised to do so without further delay.

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The Astor House announces a performance by Dr. Daiden Miyano, Japanese hypnotist and doer of startling stunts, to be given in the hotel lobby at 5 p.m. today. Dancing on hot coals and sharp sword blades, juggling with red hot irons and jabbing needles into his body are a few of the Doctor's casual accomplishments aside from his mesmeric powers. No admission is being charged.

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The Health report for last week shows no new cases of smallpox among the foreign population. There was another drop in the disease among the Chinese also, only four deaths being reported. One case of diptheria and one of scarlet fever were recorded among the foreign residents.

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Authorisation of a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Light Horse, S.V.C. for Mr. F. W. Foster is announced in the Municipal Gazette.

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Major C. P. Holcomb, United States District Attorney, who has been ill for some weeks past, is again about.

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Four men, three armed with revolvers, held up a Chinese pedestrian in the West Hongkew district at about 9.10 last night and robbed him of a black satin, skin-lined jacket, grey skin-lined long gown, about $100 in notes and a gold plated watch and chain. No shots were fired.

HOW GERMAN DECISION ON U-BOAT WAS REACHED

Experts Told Kaiser Defeat Of England Was Certain In Six Months

Amsterdam, Holland, February 2.—The Handelsbladt has begun a series of document obtained secretly from German archives, showing the steps which led to the adoption by Germany of her unrestricted submarine campaign a year ago. The following is a summary of the documents:

At the close of 1915, the German Admiralty prepared a memorandum to show that unrestricted U-boat warfare would compel Great Britain to sue for peace within six months. The wording of this memorandum indicates that the Admiralty already had decided to adopt this intensified warfare, but desired to convince the Emperor, the Imperial Chancellor and the Foreign Office of the certainty of the good results on economic and general grounds, rather than merely on military grounds.

Accordingly, the memorandum based its arguments on statistics of food prices, freight and insurance rates in Great Britain. It pointed out the effects which even the restricted submarine war had shown on prices of the essential commodities, on the balance of trade and on the morale of the English people, and deduced from this with unrestricted submarine warfare, England could hold out only a short period against these factors.

The memorandum first was submitted to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, and then to Dr. Karl Helfferich, Vice-Chancellor. The latter rejected it on the ground that it was impossible to set a limit on England's staying power and the absence of authentic estimates of her stocks on hand, and also because he feared the action which would result from neutrals, especially the United States.

The authors of the memorandum then sent a reply in which they pointed out the gravity of the internal situation in Germany and assured Dr. Helfferich that a desperate remedy was necessary. They reinforced their argument as to the seriousness of the internal state of affairs by calling in nine experts, representing German finance, commerce, mining and agriculture.

All the experts agreed on the first point, that England would have to sue for peace in six months at most. Herr Muller said England's supply of foodstuffs was smaller than in peace time, and, therefore, a ruthless U-boat war would probably accomplish the purpose in three months.

Herr Schmidt said: "I have no fears about America."

Herr Muller said: "Unrestricted submarine warfare will cause the wholesale flight of neutrals from the war zone. Their newspapers will abuse Germany, but they will soon tire. The chief danger is the United States, but that danger will be less in proportion as Germany operates decisively and ruthlessly.

"Bitter feeling in the United States after the war is not worth considering, because if Germany succeeds she can dictate terms to assure favored treatment for herself. If, on the other hand, Germany throws away this opportunity, the passives approval of the United States will be of small practical value."

Dr. Salomonsohn said:

I recognise the possibility of the war with the United States, but I am loath to throw away so desirable a weapon on that account. As a banker I realise how disastrous America's entry into the war would be, but I insist that a ruthless war is the only chance to defeat Great Britain and obtain a firm peace."

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Waterworks Company States Its Case

Defends The Proposal To Increase Capital Stock

A letter from Mr. Leslie J. Cubitt of the Shanghai Waterworks Company to the Municipal Council reported in this week's Municipal Gazette defends the Company's proposal to increase its capital stock. The letter follows the Council's announcement last week that the matter of Municipal ownership of the waterworks should be considered at the ratepayers' meeting.

Mr. Cubitt contends that the company is considerably overdrawn on capital account, outlay on new plant, etc., having been greatly in excess the last few years of that previous to 1905, and the annual consumption of water showing enormous growth. Works at present in course of construction and planned within the next few years call for expenditure of about Tls. 1,000,000, he states, and if the Council's proposal that the new authorisation be limited to 3,000 shares is adopted, a further increase will be necessary soon.

Britain Suspends Mail To Russia And Rumania

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 12.—The Press Bureau issues the following communique:

The Post Office announces the suspension of mail and money order services to Rumania and Russia, except to Finland.

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Japan's Preparations

THE following article from the lively and imaginative pen of Saito Man, of The Japan Advertiser, shows that we may expect big news any day, now, from Japan. Saito Man skilfully introduces the news that the Japanese army is being made ready for a heavy task. This article appeared in The Advertiser of March 8 and it affords evidence that certain orders had been reaching reservists for some days before that. The article follows:

By Saito Man

Upon the serene horizon of the Horai land has loomed up the ominous cloud of war. Will it clear and let the people once again bask in the sunshine of prosperous peace, or continue to thicken and blacken till it culminates in a dread downpour of death and blood? We are in suspense.

Which way do we like? As far as I can judge the temperaments of the Japanese people, they like either way. This is not to say that they are void of principle or conscience. What I mean is that there is in the depths of every Japanese mind who is not too much intoxicated by the enervating influence of material civilisation, a philosophy of life, unconsciously conceived but none the less strongly, which makes one submit to the extremest exigencies of inevitable fate with perfect resignation. So if war does come, it will find the Japanese in the calm but grim preparedness for the worst concomitant that it may possibly bring to man or state. Japan has fought more than one war at the stake of her very existence, and there is no reason why there should not be another war. But if this threatened war should only prove a transient gloom that is to make the sun shine all the more brightly, it is of course well and good. The Japanese people have not been as fortunate as other peoples on earth in the enjoyment of the good things that the sun and the earth bestow, and why should they and their posterity not have their due shares of the temporal blessings?

Hitherto the rumors of war have been filling only the columns of the press; now the homes are filled with the whispers of war, and they are made with bated breath and lowering eyebrows. We talk with the anxious accents of those who sit in the ante-chamber of the patient whose condition is critical. There is no emotion of fear. Yes, we would like very much to save the situation even at this moment, but if the fates would have the other way, then shikataganai! The Japanese are not very skilled boasters, blusterers and demonstrators, especially when they are determined on a grave course of conduct—owing probably to the depressing influence of humid climate. As a jolly man often waxes lachrymose or a solemn-minded man jovial under the influence of liquor, so do the ordinarily flippant, easy-going, talkative Japanese grow shy, taciturn, and even apparently timid and fearful now under the tense spell of a warlike cloud. I think there is something gruesome and tragic in this apparent tranquility which covers the undercurrent of warlike preparations that are proceeding so noiselessly, as there is in the laughter of madness in King Lear. The unnaturalness of the thing makes it all the more hideous.

During the few weeks that preceded the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war, I well remember, there was no tramping of war steed, no military parading of soldiers departing for the front, no brave sound of the bugle in the street. There was no outward sign of war. All was done quietly during the night. Mobilisation was accomplished without public announcement. The leave-taking of soldiers was done without exhilaration. The trains carrying the soldiers left in the dusk of morning or stillness of night; there was no flag, no banzai even. In Tokio many soldiers had to stop for a few days en passant; they came at night and at night they departed. The first spontaneous Banzai was uttered in Japan at the report of the first victory in Manchuria; the sound grew louder and louder till it culminated in the tremendous outburst of universal rejoicing when the final victory was won.

There is something similar in the atmosphere of Japan today to that ominous silent tenseness of feeling that was felt at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war. In every home where there is a young man who has recently come home from the colors, his term honorably served, there has arrived some days ago the official writ, bidding him be near by his home, in readiness for enrollment. Since then many men have been called, nobody but themselves knew whither. One day you are called, and forthwith, before you scarce have time to say good-bye to your friends or relative, you are being carried for miles—off and off till you are landed "somewhere" in "somewhere." The story of the young Mr. this and Mr. that having been thus despatched, together with the shocking but unshocked jump in the prices of many necessaries of life, such as fuel and vegetables, cannot but turn our minds to the thought of war in its most realistic aspects.

Do we know our enemy? Don't we? It was not the Japanese Government but the people who had been trying their hardest to keep their country aloof from the tug of actual battles with Germany, and it must also be said that the bulk of the Japanese had never hated the Germans so intensely as some of them hate the countrymen of other nations. But when the terrible enemy who is now virtually trampling down under his hoof great parts of civilised Europe has come so near to our country that we may almost smell the breath of his savage mouth, and see his omnivorous jaws gaping wide, with the deliberate intention to gobble up "poor little Japan," then are we to sit still and talk of not losing the war-born prosperity? The gallant example of Belgium has not been set in vain, and we will show this by act, not word.

To secure territory on the Russian continent indeed! I can never understand some foreign statesmen who seem to have a suspicion of Japan taking this opportunity of aggrandising her territory at the expense of Russia. Such a suspicion is altogether too ridiculous and amateurish. You might as well charge Japan with the design at this moment of shaking hands with Germany in order that Russia might be carved into two on the one hand and on the other Japan might invade the United States, and also betray the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and allow Germany a free hand in India! All this may be possible, if Japan is Germany or her sovereign called the Kaiser.

Be assured, my respected reader, that if Japan is to take an active part in this struggle with German hordes, it will not be as the result of the approval which any Power may or may not give Japan for taking such a course of action, but it will be and must be the result of the sheer necessity Japan herself has felt for her own self-defence. For no other object, aggression or even philanthropy, will Japan ever run such a tremendous risk as the possible sacrifice of her whole Empire. Japan must either fight for such objective and with such determination or never.

The one thing which strikes every patriotic Japanese with a sense of uneasiness just now is the feebleness of the present Cabinet. Count Terauchi and one and two other Ministers may be strong enough and even indispensable as leaders of the destinies of the nation at this crisis, but the remainder are alarmingly second-rate. A thorough reconstruction is what is wanted and I am absolutely confident it will come, if Japan is really to go into this grim business in Siberia.

The Changing United States

By Frank N. Doubleday

(The New East).

It is, I am sure, almost impossible that the people of Japan should appreciate how great are the material, mental, and ethical changes that have taken place among the people of the United States during the year 1917.

In 1915-1916 the country went through a period of great prosperity. The Allies bought every sort of commodity from us; the gold of the world flowed to our coffers. It cannot be denied that the real horror of War had not yet reached our consciousness. I do not mean to say that we did not buy foreign bounds, did not give money and aid to the suffering soldiers and people of invaded countries, but it is the fact that we felt aloof from any intimate responsibility in the great War.

Very early in 1917 this feeling began to change. Long before our Government took any definite steps—except the protests of many official notes—thousands of our young men went to France as ambulance drivers, soldiers and aviators, enlisted in Canadian and English regiments and saw hard service in France, many of them sacrificing their lives. Germany's insulting offer of several of our States to Mexico for her help and that of Japan—whose name was dragged into the matter with the express purpose of making trouble—awoke the people of the United States to the fact that even if they were 3,000 miles from the field of battle they shared a responsibility with the leading nations of the world in upholding the principle of right over might.

All these things are of course entirely familiar to every one, but the point I hope to make is that when we actually went to War in April, 1917, we had begun to develop a spirit of service and even of sacrifice which has made the United States into a different land from what it was before. For many years it has been said, with some justice, that the American people were very materialistic, that their business enterprises were the things nearest to their hearts and that a man was counted successful in a large measure as he made money. While admitting the general truth of this charge, I feel certain that it was not so much that the merchant or manufacturer or banker was excited by greed, as that he loved for its own sake the game of creating, of trading, doing business; and the money that indicated his success was largely the counter in the game.

By 1917 the men and women of our country waked to the idea that their daily vocations were less important than they had seemed. In April, many were seeking to know what each one should do. By June, as you know, we had enacted and were putting into effect the conscription law. The plan of conscription was wholly against the American idea of individual freedom of action; besides, we had many millions of persons of foreign birth or parentage who had come to America to escape military service. Notwithstanding this fact the justice and fairness of military service on the part of those best fitted to serve were so plain that all of our young manhood between 21 and 30 years was enrolled in a few weeks—and numbered about 10,000,000 men—with no serious trouble of any kind. Of course several hundred thousands volunteered for service before the draft became effective.

This was the first great indication of an awakened public conscience of which there were many accompanying evidences. Another drastic measure was enacted when the use of all food-stuffs for distilling liquor alcoholic drinks was stopped, cutting off a vast Government revenue.

It is unnecessary for me to enumerate the vital things which the Americans did following conscription except to mention the support which came to the Government in raising two loans which were oversubscribed, at 3½ per cent and 4 per cent for six thousand million dollars, sums of money undreamed of in our national finance, and the preparations for raising a still greater sum in the near future. The important feature, of course, is that all this was done practically without a dissenting voice, even among our 12,000,000 Germans, among whom the event has proved that we can count some of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Government. Much has been made of the German agitators among us, but the facts stated above show that their actual number and power was small.

Another experience which tells a story of new courage was the enactment of an income and excess-profits tax. The whole income tax idea is comparatively new with us, and this new tax is so drastic that five years ago it could not have been dreamed of. One would have supposed that a law which takes more than half of large incomes would have been hotly contested in Congress. Formerly, when a tariff law was to be changed, merchants and manufacturers flocked to Washington in the interests of their special business, pulling every possibly wire for selfish ends.

This year developed the extraordinary fact that the most important business men and corporations urged even higher excess profit taxes than the Government at first proposed to levy! I do not mean to say that special taxes, like moving-pictures, second class postage, etc., were not complained of, but this was more in the way of adjustment and administration than anything else. Americans as a whole realised that the country would have to spend huge sums of money with no possible return, and they were in favor of paying as much as possible now instead of passing the debt on to future generations. In these great changes, of course, the United States was following in the steps of England, who had developed new ideals, and her experiences were an open book of inspiration to Americans.

What appears to me to be a most significant circumstance is that the richest and most efficient among our men of business as well as in the professional class—men beyond the military age—showed universal eagerness for service, and the most successful of them offered their whole time to the Government at a nominal salary of $1 a year, in all sorts of important capacities. Most of these offers have been accepted by the Government, and business men, financiers, lawyers, doctors—thousands and tens of thousands of them—have enlisted for the period of the war, abandoning their business and professions for hard and entirely disinterested service.

A man who is now engaged in a daily occupation not connected with some work for the country feels called upon to explain the reason, and usually the reason is a very good one if he continues to be well regarded in his community.

The story of the American Red Cross is, I believe, a certain and encouraging sign of the changing times. Two years ago, long after the War had begun, there were only about 50,000 members, towards the end of 1916 the activity became evident when the distress in Europe was realised and the membership rose quickly to 300,000 or 400,000 and was growing rapidly when our own country went into the War. As you know, the membership went from these small beginnings to over 5,000,000 in the Autumn of 1917 ending with over 20,000,000 members by January, 1918.

Each one of these members pays at least $1 yearly, and from that amount up to a patron member's $100. In addition to this amount a so-called "drive" last Summer brought in more than $100,000,000 at an expense of less than one per cent and we are now faced by the need of raising one hundred million dollars more to keep up the work entered upon.

With President Wilson's approval and suggestion the Red Cross is organising the school children into junior auxiliaries, each child contributing 25 cents in money or work with the hands in making bandages or supplies. It is believed that these new junior members will number about 20,000,000 more; that it will instill into their minds at the most impressionable age the national ideals and the duty of service for others even in countries foreign to their own. Germany has shown the world the danger of a Kultur that trains only the brain, ignoring the heart.

The significant part of the American Red Cross work is that little of the money and effort is spent upon our own people. At least nine-tenths of both money and service are expended many thousand miles away, covering not only the great field of the war in Europe, but such crises as the floods in China, where $125,000 was appropriated, and the disaster at Halifax, which brought death and suffering to thousands. The Red Cross mobilised its unit of doctors, nurse and supplies, and within six hours after the news was received they were on their way to the stricken people. Instant help was extended to Guatemala when the earthquake caused such a loss of life recently, and these are only a few examples of work of the organisation beyond our borders. It would take too much space to describe the work done in Servia, Armenia, Italy, Rumania, in rebuilding French villages, in opening a great campaign in France to stamp out tuberculosis in the war zones, the care of children and refugees—all parts of the great effort to relieve human distress, by people thousands of miles distant from the scene.

These particulars have been rehearsed in the belief that they indicate a new aspiration on the part of all the best people of America. The old English saying: "Honesty is the best policy," is the result of centuries of experience in successful business. It might now be read "Altruism" instead of "Honesty." For although this Red Cross development is only an evidence of an instinct of kindness and generosity to others—as were the American re-making of a free Cuba for the Cubans, the return to China of the Boxer indemnity, the great undertaking in the Philippines and smaller one in the West Indies—yet they may in the long run produce a greater and a more permanent profit than if we kept our vision limited to such immediate profits as rich territory, trade chances, political extension, and had ignored the greater field beyond. The War is proving altruism to be the "best policy" internationally, even though it be a spontaneous and not a calculated thing.

In this connection I am reminded of an experience I had in Germany a few weeks before the War. I was at the house of a Prussian, a man of great influence and power in his country and particularly important as a moulder of public opinion. I had recently visited some of the British colonies had been deeply impressed by the justice and liberal treatment of these Colonial peoples. I said so to the Prussian, ending by praising especially the treatment of the Boers after England had waged a War which many of her own statesmen had not been proud of.

The return to the Boers of most of the prerogatives England had fought for I cited as an instance of wisdom.

The German expressed violent disagreement. He said that there was no such thing as altruism in national life, and that Germany and every other country acted for selfish interest. He frankly insisted that national might was the only safeguard of a nation and that this country existed only by gaining advantages over others, and that success came only with a strong arm extended to the full to enforce its demands. The wakening of the German may not be completed during the life of the present generation, but that the Boers should be fighting for England of their own free will—that a former Boer, General Smuts, is one of the chief men in the English War Council, will be hard things for the German mind to explain away. The same general conditions exist with us: The foreign born people from all nations, including Filipinos, Hawaiians, and even our neighbors the Cubans, have volunteered by tens of thousands, witnessing that the world of today is not impervious to generous action by a nation.

Returning to our present conditions in the United States, let me say a word about the new position occupied by the American woman. It is vastly significant. The class of so-called "female parasites," wives and daughters of men of wealth, who have had little to do and have spent much time and money doing it has, please God, passed as a class. When the War broke out thousands offered their services in France and among them the daughters of our wealthiest people, whose lives had been surrounded by every luxury. There is hardly a well known American name that has not its woman representative doing some work of mercy in Europe, and many in the humblest positions, at the present moment. At home our women have been organised under the Red Cross as workers with exceptional finger skill in knitting millions of sweaters, helmets and warm clothing for sailors, aviators, and soldiers, making bandages, dressings, and hospital supplies for the 4,000 hospitals maintained by the American Red Cross in France alone.

In addition to these works of mercy, they have much civic work, such as taking the military census of the people of our country, which, beside the usual census information, answers over 50 questions concerning a man's possible use as a Government worker when he has passed the conscription age. Most of our States have given women full suffrage.

Many persons in the Far East have asked me how it is that the United States, following a year of amazing fruitfulness—the value of products of the earth exceeded Y.40,000,000,000—is having "meatless" and "wheatless" days, coal shortage, etc., etc. The answer is obvious: unless we economise on these foods and materials our allies must fail. We give to Belgium without hope of pay $10,000,000 of food a month; we must send huge quantities of food, coal and materials to France, realising all the while that we can never square the account for what France did for us in the days of the American Revolution—another instance where generosity is paying real dividends. Yet, with all our saving and our contribution thousands are starving.

A letter received within a month from my partner, Mr. Page, the American Ambassador in London, says that if the War were to stop tomorrow hundreds of thousands would starve in Europe before they could be relieved. These things make our economy and saving look pitifully inadequate in the light of the appalling needs.

In trying to make plain these fundamental changes that have taken place within an incredibly short time in the United States, I am not unmindful that Americans are not given to hiding their light under a bushel, or to failing to appreciate their own good qualities, and it may be thought that I have painted a picture that flatters our land. I have not forgotten our many faults and I admit that great selfishness and materialism exist among a large class. But I insist that it is a fast lessening class and that the new ideals and aspirations of our leaders in the nation will create a new and better and less selfish American life and a stronger one—after the full toll of suffering has been exacted.

Travelette

By Niksah

Stirling Castle

Recently the British government sent some German prisoners of war to Stirling Castle. The ancient fortress is again a prison; again the "eye of the north" keeps watch over the nation's safety. Stirling is only a few hours ride from Glasgow but it is a journey from the nineteenth century to the middle ages. The castle, on the right bank of the Forth, is built on the highest tip of a promontory, close to the edge of the craig. Its position makes it almost impregnable.

On the north and south a rolling plain stretches away to the foot of the Ochil Hills, below, the Forth winds silver across the plain. On the east and west the water protects the fortress. The key to the highlands, the bulwark of the north, Stirling was for centuries Scotland's main defense against the invading English.

Much history has been made on the plain at the castle's foot. The German prisoners from the ramparts can view the scene of seven important battles. On the northwest on the top of a high hill stands a statue to William Wallace. At the foot of the hill was fought the battle of Stirling. Just inside the curve of the Forth is the Field of Cambuskenneth, where in 843, the Scots defeated the Picts. Falkirk, where Wallace was defeated lies to the south. Years later on this same field Prince Charlie won one of his most important battles. Bannockburn, the holy ground of Scotland, lies to the south. From the castle you can see the center of the field, the Borestone, marked by a tall white flag pole.

Mary of Scots was crowned in the castle hall. Her son, afterwards James the Sixth, passed his baby days here. The iron bars at the windows of some of the rooms were placed there to protect the tiny prince from kidnappers. Years afterwards he was crowned as king in the same walls. John Knox preached the coronation sermon.

The old castle has borne many names. James the Fifth called himself the Knight of Snowdoun, one of the old names of the fortress. Just below is the pass of Ballangeich, along which this adventurous king passed when he went abroad incognito as the "Guidman of Ballangeich."

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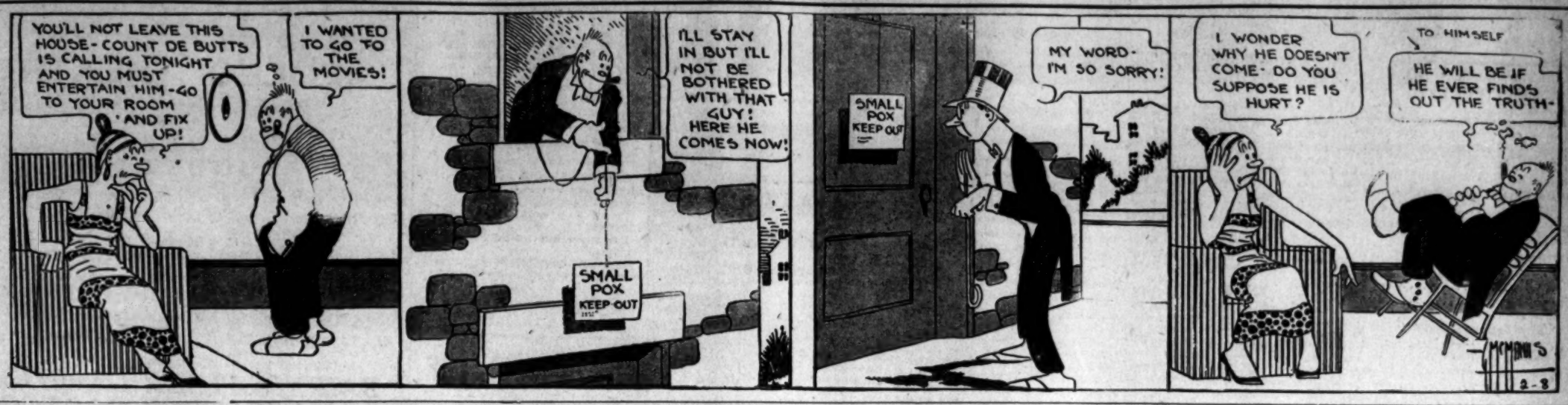
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Robert Collyer And The Hard-Hearted Americans

"Dr. Collyer tells us that he 'had read all the books that he could lay hands on' about America, but wanting to know more than books could give, he 'had gone before his leave-taking to see a sort of kinsman who had been three times to the States to seek his fortune and said to him, "Is there a good chance for a man over there in America? Are the people kind to a stranger?" "No," he said, "there ain't a good chance, and you can do a great deal better here. Whaa, them Yankees," he said in his broad Yorkshire, "is saa keen and cunning, they'll tak' the verra teeth ott o' yer heead, if ye dooant keep yer moath shut."'

"All fears, however, proved groundless," writes Dr. John Haynes Holmes, in his biography of Robert Collyer. "Before he had set foot on American soil, while he was yet waiting on the ship's dock to land (at New York), Collyer heard from the pier a hearty voice in the broad Yorkshire dialect. It was like a breath of heather from the moors, or the song of an upland thrush. He found the speaker to be a tavern keeper, who had come to the dock in search of guests. Without more ado, the young emigrant placed himself and wife in the charge of this man."

"His host proved all that could be desired—and so did the second inhabitant of the new land whom he chanced to encounter. . . . 'I went to a drugstore on Broadway,' says the Doctor, 'to learn my first lesson and see how it was done. I found the man was civil and looked friendly. He asked me if I had just landed, and what I meant to do. It would have been very pleasant to hear so kind a man in England, but here I was on my guard, and so I said to myself, I shall know what you mean when I see what you charge. "How much?" I said, when the package was pushed over. "Oh, you are very welcome," the good fellow answered. "Keep your money. You will need it." And then he held out his hand and said, "Come in again, I shall be glad to see you." And so I went back to the tavern with my first lesson, and something like a mist in my eyes, thinking of the way in which the very first American man I had met had pulled my teeth.'"

"Two days after their arrival in New York, Robert and his wife started for Philadelphia, which had been their original destination on leaving England. . . . The joy of the journey, by way of South Amboy and the Delaware, lingered in the hearts of the two travelers for many a long year. It was a perfect day, with orchards in full bloom, new sown farmlands smiling in the sun, and all the air alive with prophecies of summer. The lovely landscape seemed to hold out its arms in welcome. . . . It was therefore with hearts overflowing with cheer that they entered the City of Brotherly Love, and made their way to an inn, kept also by a Yorkshireman, which had been recommended to them by their New York host.

"A search of the pages of the Philadelphia Ledger the next morning revealed the following advertisement: 'Wanted, a blacksmith. Apply to No. 5 Commerce Street.' Without a moment's delay, Robert hastened to the address given, applied for the job, and got it. The forge was located in Hammond's hammer factory, at a little place called Shoemakertown, seven miles north of Philadelphia, on the Tacony Creek."

"He was to report at the forge the next morning. Bright and early, therefore, he was plodding along the Old York highroad to Shoemakertown, in what was already a torrid sun. . . . 'A gentleman passed in a carriage, looked at me a moment, halted and said, "Get in and have a ride." Now I had plodded along the roads in the motherland when the humor took me ever since I could remember, and a great many gentlemen had passed me in carriages, but in all my life not one of them had ever said, "Get in and have a ride;" and so this was something of a wonder. I got into the carriage and we fell into a kindly talk, and my friend got to know almost as much about my life as I knew myself, in an hour, held out his hand when our ways parted, after saying all sorts of cheerful things about America—and I went on my way thinking of what I had heard about America.'

"This was Robert Collyer's second lesson, as he called it. 'The third lesson was no great matter, but it still lies in my heart with the sweetness of a June rose. I had turned down a lane near the end of my journey that day, when all at once I came to a little garden foaming over with lilacs, the flower I loved best. I could not resist gathering a whole lot of them into my arms and burying my face in them as I stood by the fence and just sobbing perhaps over another garden thousands of miles away, when I heard a step, and saw a woman coming out of the cottage. There, I said to myself, I shall get the rough side of that woman's tongue. She will want to know what I am "a-doin' at them air lilacs." What she did was to say, in the cheeriest way imaginable, "Would you like some lilacs?" And when I answered, "If you will give me one, please; I shall be ever so glad," she made up a bunch as big as a broom, and handed it over the fence, with a pleasant word and a smile, while I said, as I went down the lane, Nether millstones are nothing to the hardness of this American heart, and how they do draw one's teeth, to be sure!'"

Now She Won Success

Miss Doris Keane, who plays La Cavaline in "Romance," the Lyric success, has married her "leading man," Mr. Basil Sydney, who, since July, 1917, has played the young curate-hero of that play.

Miss Keane brought over "Romance" in September, 1915, and it has been running for two years and three months. She had earlier appeared in "Whitewashing Julia" and "The Hypocrites," the popular Henry Arthur Jones' plays. At the Globe, in 1910, Miss Keane was in "Decorating Clementine."

Her marriage to Mr. Basil Sydney, the stage "Romance" of the New Year, is regarded as one of the happiest romances of the stage. Mr. Basil Sydney is remembered for his fine work in Ibsen's "Ghosts." Since invalided out of the Army, Lieut. Sydney has been doing work for the War Office, with permission to appear each night in "Romance."

That success means hard work is shown by this interesting letter which Miss Keane sent to Mr. J. T. Grein of the Sunday Times:—

Knew What She Wanted

"Lyric Theater,
January 4.

"Dear Mr. Grein,—You asked me for a word of encouragement for 1918 for those who have not yet 'arrived.' I will give it gladly, for you and I know there is no 'Royal Road to Success.' I may have always been an exception—I think I have been—in that my mind was already made up when I was born—I always, from my earliest recollection, knew what I wanted, but that only made for greater desperation when I failed, for fail I did, and many times! When I made my debut, and during my years with Mr. Frohman, I sprang into the great white light of Broadway, all I did forced public attention. I made a success in the 'Hypocrite' after I had been a year on the stage. But that success ruined my health. I had no art, only a brain that was so intense it would have burned its way through steel, I think, and so I burned myself up in my work.

"I came to London. The play failed here, and went back to America broken-hearted. That following year I had seven failures, one after another. I starred in Clyde Fitch's best play; it was an utter failure for me—a laughable failure—for it was pretentious of me, but I always went on working—waiting. I had no material I could use to advantage until 'Decorating Clementine' came along three years later, when everybody had fixed their attention elsewhere and I was forgotten. Yet 'Decorating Clementine' spoke to me, it lived, it was an idea to work with, and all the parts, the failures I had had those three years were with material inferior in quality—I could not give myself into it although I tried. After 'Clementine'—just so I should not, perhaps, cease to wish to progress (for I was young)—came more failures—two years—no work—no money—isolation; desperation!

"Yet I waited. I shut myself up in a little room in Boston, and spent my evenings in the gallery of the opera there (the only rival, I think, of the Opera Comique in Paris). I listened and studied, and then walked—read—and saw no one—and then 'Romance,' for which I had been waiting a year, was not finished—so still I waited. A year later I played Mimi in 'Anatol'—one bright spot in my life after eighteen months—and then came 'Romance.' While I played Mimi to enthusiastic audiences I rehearsed 'Romance.'

Fought Against Ill Health

"I fought always against ill health, always I exhausted my reserve force—my vitality. For three years of 'Romance' I played always with the fact facing me that I might have to leave my work and go into retirement because of my health.

"Now, for the first time in my life, I feel an equalising of conditions—is it because England has been so responsive? She has given me hope for the things I want to do in the future. Is it because it is all a miracle? Is it because I have lived through so many things, I now see the horizon clear and am happy?

"Bring this home to everyone—Hope! *Il n'arrive peut-être pas des evenements inutiles*—I have written this only for those who in 1918 despair—do not! Wait! and work—while you wait.

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@ 72.5 = Mex.	$130.43
Mex. Dollars Market rate Tls.	72.325
Dragon Dollars: native bank rate	
Shai Gold Mars: 978 touch Tls.	270
Bar Silver	268
Copper Cash ..... per tael	1823
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 4/3½d. = Tls.	4.66
exch. @ 72.5 = Mex.	$6.43
Peking Bar	—
Native Interest	.02

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	43d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex. Paris on London ....Fr.	27.25
Ex. N. Y. on London ....T.T.	$476½
Consols	£ —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London ..... T.T.	4/3½
London ..... Demand	4/3¾
India ..... nominal T.T.	293
Paris ..... T.T.	536
Paris ..... Demand	537
New York ..... T.T.	102½
New York ..... Demand	102¾
Hongkong ..... T.T.	69½
Japan ..... T.T.	50½
Batavia ..... T.T.	227½

Banks Buying Rates

London ..... 4 m/s. Cdts.	4/5½d.
London ..... 4 m/s. Docy.	4/5¾d.
London ..... 6 m/s. Cdts.	4/6d.
London ..... 6 m/s. Docy	4/6¼d.
Paris ..... 4 m/s.	614
New York ..... 4 m/s.	106½

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„ 1 @ 15	Rupees	3.53
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Transactions

Shanghai, March 13, 1918.
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Banks.—Hongkong Banks after business at $630 are quiet at the rate.

Marine Insurances.—Cantons are in demand at $320 and North Chinas at Tls. 120. Unions have come to business at $800 and Yangtszes are wanted at $210.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires at $133 and Hongkong Fires at $330 could be placed at quotations.

Shipping.—Douglases are wanted at $75. Steamboats are in demand at $18, and Preferred Indos at $33 whilst the Deferred shares have had a slight set-back from $158 to $156 for cash with a fair amount of business done between these rates, market closing stronger at $157. Star Ferries are quiet at $28 and Shells at 117/6.

Refineries.—China Sugars following on the disappointing result of last year's working are offering at $83 with buyers offering $80. Malabons could be placed at $29.

Oils and Mining.—Kailans have risen to a buying quotation of 40/-. Langkats have been done at rates between Tls. 14 and Tls. 14½. Raubs at $3 and Tronohs at 29/- are both wanted at quotations. Urals continue to offer at 20/- with no business passing.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves have further weakened to a selling rate of $83. Hongkong Docks, notwithstanding the increase in dividend are quoted $132. Shanghai Docks have been the medium of a small business at Tls. 86 and Tls. 86½.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Centrals at $90, Hongkong Hotels at $87, and Humphreys at $5½ have all buyers at quotations. Hongkong Lands at $86½, Kowloon Lands at $27½, and West Points at $78 are quiet with nothing doing.

Cotton Mills.—As indicated above, the Cotton Market is lively, Ewos having advanced to Tls. 170, Shanghai Cottons to Tls. 135, Kung Yiks to Tls. 15¼, Yangtszepoos to Tls. 8, and Orientals to Tls. 43½ after a fair amount of business at slightly lower rates.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Electrics at $48 have buyers. Hongkong Trams are offering at $6.40, and China Lights have buyers at $4.

Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending March 2 is as follows:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 7 weeks.
This year	$21,068	$128,408
Last year	19,964	126,733
Increase	1,104	1,675

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos at $8, China Providents at $7.10, and Powells at $6½ are all wanted at quotations. Dairy Farms at $30, Hongkong Ices at $205, Ropes at $29½, Waterboats at $11½. Watson at $5½, and Steam Laundries at $4 are quiet after business at quotations. Cements have been done to a small extent at $7.90 for each.

Hankow Market

The Hankow Chamber of Commerce write as follows in their report for week ending March 6:—

Finance and Money Market.—We have to report a quiet week with the little Bills offering and little or no demand for T. T. Foreign Banks' rate for T. T. on Shanghai hardened from 97⅛ to 97¼, and as high a rate as 97½ was done, as most Banks were well supplied with money and not therefore, willing sellers. The Chinese market for T. T. also hardened a little to 97 in sympathy with the foreign Banks' rate. Dollars remain unchanged and steady at 69.8 Buyers and 70 Sellers Chinese market. The Chinese military authorities have purchased a fair amount of Dollars, which has kept the market steady. Native interest:—3½% nominal, and owing to the low rate ruling here Native Banks are remitting to Shanghai to find some use for their money, which has further tended to keep the T. T. selling rate on Shanghai firm. Changsha exchange:—102 Han. Tls. =1,000 Changsha Tls. has been quoted, but there is no official quotation.

Exports.—Export business continues very stagnant American marks are dull, whilst, as regards Europe, whence demand is excellent, the tonnage situation continues to preclude business. Locally matters are equally as dull, the Chinese showing but little inclination to resume work after the China New Year holidays. Cotton is firm with small stocks and small arrivals. Goatskins, Tallow, Hides and Wood Oil are similarly affected by the scarcity of supplies China Grass is firmer and stocks of this commodity are exhausted.

Imports Piece Goods.—There has been some enquiry during the past week for 14's, 16's and 20's Yarn for quick deliveries; also for 11 and 12 lbs. Drills and Sheetings, but very little business has gone through. There has been a revival in clearances of Yarn, Drill, Sheetings and Blacks caused by the arrival in Hankow of up-country Buyers.

Metals.—There is nothing new to report from this market, which remains dull with nothing doing. Galvanised Sheets and Tinplates are very short in supply, and it is very difficult to get offers of same from manufacturing countries.

Cotton Market

Messrs. J. Spunt and Co. write as follows in their report for week ending March 14:—

China Cotton.—Considerable excitement prevailed in our Cotton Market during the past week, resulting in a rise in prices of another Tls. 2, per picul with a general inquiry from local mills and all offers being promptly absorbed at ruling rates. The advance in prices of the Raw material has more than realised our expectations and we trust that our oft-repeated warnings to our various friends have been taken advance of. On looking over the back numbers of our circulars for the last 5 or 6 months one is struck with the almost pathetic appeal to our clients to be timely warned against such a crisis as has now taken place in the Cotton market and while it remains in the realms of conjecture as to how far the price of raw material can adance, one thing seems quite clear to us that so long as the war lasts and so long as embargoes are placed on the export of Cotton no relief may be expected in prices; in fact we are of opinion that the coming season will yet see higher prices in Liverpool and America which will more or less be dependant on the outcome of the next Season's crops generally. Even taking the world's crop to be the same as the current one, the world's demand will be far in excess of the supply and in support of our contention we can refer to various authorities both in Liverpool and America. Under such circumstances it would be nothing short of suicide to be bearish nowadays and at the expense of appearing irksome we shall reiterate over and over again all what we have repeatedly intimated as to the present trend of the market in our previous circulars. Tone of the market, Firm.

Liverpool:—

Egyptian Cotton, F. G. F. Sakellaridis	29.94
Price of Fine M. C. Bengal	17.82
Price of Good-Americans	24.12
Price of Good-Americans last reported	24.34
Tone of market, Steady.	
New York Market:—	
Price of Mid-American. May	31.84
Market Steady.	
Indian Market:—	
March/April shipment nominal	
Broach	Rs. 125
F. Bengal	Rs. 104
Market firm.	

Horse Bazaar Report

The directors' report to be presented at the fifteenth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Shanghai Horse Bazaar and Motor Co. Ltd. to be held on March 25, shows that the profits for the year ended December 31, 1917, were Tls. 39,676.88, from which it is proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent., involving Tls. 18,900; transferring Tls. 10,000 to general reserve account and carrying forward to a new account the balance of Tls. 10,776.88.

In regard to the year's working, the report further says:

Our Business as Job-Masters has further decreased in proportion with the great development of Motor traction. Our Department for Hire of Carriages by the day or by the hour was closed on the 1st of April 1917. The carriages, harness and uniforms have been kept in good order and the expense in connection herewith has been debited to the Working Account which has also paid for the loss incurred by the disposal of carriages and harness which had become superfluous owing to the closing of the Department for "Day Hires."

Live Stock—All deaths and losses have, as usual, been debited to Working Account.

Sundry Debtors amount to a total of Tls. 34,556.43 in which were included December accounts of Tls. 31,792.73 which were not due until January 1918. Out of the total of Tls. 34,556.43 a sum of Tls. 29,428.12 has been collected up to date (6th March 1918.)

Fodder—Prices of Bran and Barley were exactly ten per cent higher during 1917 than during 1916. The rise in the cost of all food stuff does not give much hope of lower prices and makes a reduction in the cost of fodder improbable for months to come.

Motor Garage and Carriage Factory both of which are now housed in the reconstructed front premises are doing a satisfactory business which is developing in a steady manner compatible with the requirements of local conditions.

Share Market

Messrs. Maitland and Fearon write as follows in their report for week ending March 13:—

Exchange:—The London price of Silver at 43d. is ½d. higher than last week. Our local rate for T.T. on London at 4s. 3½d. is also ½d. higher. Our market in the early part of the week under review was strengthened by resales of T.T. on London by local speculators, liquidating their overbought position in T.T. on London. In this connection it is interesting to note how the activities of our local Gold Dealers frequently mislead and are misunderstood by the home silver markets. The latest report of silver dated London 8/3/18 states that "Shanghai exchange is firm in tendency and the Native speculators position which up to the present has been a source of weakness has been reduced by over half." As a matter of fact the heavy overbought position in T.T. on London of the Native speculators, which has been hanging over the market since long before Chinese New Year has been a scource of strength. The process of the liquidation of a portion of it has probably led to purchases of silver by China, and bar the basis of the rise in local exchange. Our market notwithstanding resales of T.T. on London by the Gold Dealers and a rise of ¼d. in silver closes only steady with a tendency for forward rates to ease off. The stock of Sycee at Tls. 28,000,000 is unchanged and arrivals of silver are due during the next two months. The stock of Chinese and Mexican Dollars at $15,580,000 is $310,000 higher than last week.

BENJAMIN AND POTTS SHARE LIST
Yesterday's Prices

STOCK	Quotations Closing
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$575 B.
Chartered	271
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250
Marine Insurances	
Canton	Tls. 320 B.
North China	Tls. 120 B.
Union of Canton	Tls. 730 B.
Yangtsze	Tls. 210 B.
Far Eastern Ins. Co Ltd	Tls. 21 Sa.
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$133 B.
Hongkong Fire	Tls. 335 Sa.
Shipping	
Indo-China Pref.	Tls. 100
Indo-China Def.	
Shell	117s. 6d.
Shanghai Tug (o)	Tls. 21½
Shanghai Tug (f)	Tls. 40 B.
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9 B.
Oriental Cons.	27s. 6d.
Philippine	Tls. 0.80
Raub	Tls. 3 B.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	Tls. 130½ B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 94 B.
New Eng. Works	Tls. 16 xd Sa.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 63 B.
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 83 B.
Lands and Hotels	
Anglo French Land	Tes. 73
China Land	Tls. 50
Shanghai Land	Tls. 69 B.
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 3
Shanghai Hotels Ltd.	Tls. 9½ B.
China Realty (ord)	Tls. 50
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 50
Cottons Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 173 Sa.
E-wo Pref.	Tls. 97½
International	Tls. 100 B.
International (pref.)	Tls. 62½
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 65½
Oriental	Tls. 43 Sa.
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 136 Sa.
Kung Yik	Tls. 15½ Sa.
Yangtszepoo	Tls. 8¾ B.
Yangtszepoo Pref.	Tls. 95
Industrials	
Butler Tile	Tls. 23
China Sugar	Tls. 80 Sa.
Green Island	Tls. 7.90 Sa.
Langkats	Tls. 14½ Sa.
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 70
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	Tls. 15½ B.
Llewellyn	$30
Lane, Crawford	$100
Moutrie	$35
Watson	Tls. 5½
Weeks	Tls. 13½
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 9 B.
Amberst	Tls. 1
Anglo-Java	Tls. 8½
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 4
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 26
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 0.90
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 3½ S.
Bute	Tls. 1 B.
Chemor United	Tls. 1.10 B.
Chempedak	Tls. 9
Cheng	Tls. 2 B.
Consolidated	Tls. 2½
Dominion	Tls. 9
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 6.80
Java Consolidated	Tls. 16½
Kamunting	Tls. 5¾
Kapala	Tls. 0.60 B.
Kapayang	Tls. 27½
Kasan	Tls. 12
Kota Bahroe	Tls. 7
Krooweek Java	Tls. 16½
Padang	Tls. 12.10 B.
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 8½
Permata	Tls. 2¼ B.
Repah	Tls. 0.92½
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80 B.
Seekee	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1 B.
Sedawang	Tls. 12
Shanghai Klebang	Tls. 0.67½ B.
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
S'hai Malay-pref.	Tls. 10.70
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1.30
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Manggis	Tls. 5
S'hai Kalantan	Tls. 0.75
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 0.75
Taiping	Tls. 1¼
Tanah Merah	Tls. 1
Tebong	Tls. 16 B.
Ulobri	Tls. 2½
Zlangbe	Tls. 4½
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 140 B.
Culty Dairy	Tls. 7
S'hai Elec. and Asb.	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 67
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 23 B.
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 33
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 30
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 78 Sa.
S'hai Waterworks	Tls. 190 S.

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Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kasuga M.	Mar. 16
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru	Mar. 18
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M.	Mar. 20
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikugo M.	Mar. 22
For U.S. Canada and Europe:—	
Via Vancouver	Mar. 15
Per T.K.K. ss. Siberia Maru	Mar. 25

BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, March 11.—Today's silver prices were:—
Bar Silver Spot: 42⅞d. Steady.
Previous quotation, London, March 9.
Bar Silver Spot: 42⅞d Steady.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts in Gold or Local currency and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION,
Manager.
1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(Established 1880.)

Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up	„ 36,000,000
Reserve Fund	„ 23,100,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies

Bombay	London	Rangoon
Calcutta	Los Angeles	S. Francisco
Changchun	Lyons	Shanghai
Dalny	Manila	Seattle
Hankow	Mukden	Singapore
Harbin	Nagasaki	Sydney
Hongkong	Newchwang	Tientsin
Honolulu	New York	Tokio
Kaiyuen	Osaka	Tsinanfu
Kobe	Peking	Tsingtau

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Up Capital	$ 300,000.00
Reserve	$ 10,000.00
Deposits (June, 30, 1917)	
	$1,590,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current accounts in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus	U.S. $6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	U.S. $1,348,000.00
	U.S. $7,848,000.00

Head Office:
55 Wall Street, New York
National City Bank Building.

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Branches:

Batavia	Kobe	San Francico
Bombay	London	Santo Domingo
Calcutta	Manila	Santiago de los
Canton	Medellin	Caballeros
Cebu	Panama	Shanghai
Colon	Peking	Singapore
(Cristobal C.Z.)		Tientsin
Hankow	San Pedro de	Yokohama
Hongkong	Macoris	

Through its close affiliation with the NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution established at:—

Bahia	Petrograd
Buenos Aires	Rio de Janeiro
Caracas, Venezuela	Santiago de Cuba
Genoa	Santos
Habana	San Paulo
Moscow, Russia	Valparaiso
Montevideo	

The Corporation issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT on terms which may be ascertained on application, and transacts all other descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

H. C. GULLAND.
Manager.
1a Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.

Paid-up-Capital—	
Guilders 60,000,000	(about £5,000,000)
Reserve Fund—	
Guilders 11,595,461,	(about £966,288)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.

Branches:

Bandjermasin	Padang	Soerakarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tebing-Tinggi
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tegal
Djember	Penang	Telok-Betong
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tjilatjap
Hongkong	Rangoon	Weltevreden
Kota-Radja	Semarang	
Langsa	Singapore	
Makassar	Soerabaya	
Medan		

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered, Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital	Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital	Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed Capital	1,125,000
Paid-up Capital	562,500
Reserve Fund	600,000

HEAD OFFICE, 15 Gracechurch Street, LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Handy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Rangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore	

Shanghai Branch.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

R. D. YOUNG,
Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9752

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorised by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1914, and October 31st, 1915.
Paid-Up
Capital: Kuping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
35 Szechuen Road.

Interest allowed on both Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts; Credit granted o approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. TAO, Manager.
Y. M. CHIEN, Sub-Manager.

SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
No. 1 Kiukiang Road

Capital	Yen	30,000,000
Capital (Paid-Up)	Yen	18,750,000
Reserve	Yen	2,800,000
Deposits	Yen	150,000,000

President, Baron K. Sumitomo

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi, Kure, Nihama, Hiroshima, Yana, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Kukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow.

London Banker:
LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED
New York Banker:
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N. Y.

Banking Business in General Foreign Exchange Business, Travellers' and Commercial Letters of Credit. Correspondents throughout the World.

S. KASHARA,
Manager.

Telephones:—
2318 Manager. 4663 Compradore.
2350 Gen. Office. 4621 Nights only.
3536 General Office.

中華匯業銀行 Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916
Head office: Tientsin

Capital	$2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	$1,000,000.00

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

Branches and Agencies:

Tientsin	Chinkiang
Shanghai	Soochow
Peking	Wusieh
Hankow	Hangchow
Nanking	Ninpgo
Yangchow	Shaohsing
Hsuchow	Canton
Pengpu	Hongkong
Tsingkianpu	

Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. Sun, Manager.
Y. D. ZAH, Sub-Manager.

THE CHINA PRESS MAIL SCHEDULE

PRESS, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1918

Date and Destination	Per	Chi.	Br.	USA	Rus.	Jap.	Reg.
Today							
Japan & America via Moji	Yawata maru	..	..	..	..	a10.30	10.00
Japan Ports	Yawata maru	9.30	..	..	..	..	9.30
River Ports	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Japan			10.00	..	..	..	..
Europe via Japan & America	Yawata maru	..	..	..	17.00	..	9.30
Amoy and Hongkong		..	9.30	..	..	..	..
Amoy, Hongkong and Canton	Shantung	10.00	..	..			9.30
Hongkong and Canton	Kwangtah	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
H'kong & S. Ports, Australia		..	9.30	..	..	..	9.00
Peking and T'tsin (Every day	Train	21.00	..	..	..	..	17.00
T'tsin (Daily except Sunday)			17.00	..	..	..	..
Ningpo	Taishun	..	15.00	..	..	..	..
Hankow		..	17.00	..	..	..	..
Tomorrow							
N'saki, Kobe, Y'hama, Canada, U.S.A. & E'ope via Canada		..	a17.00	..	..	..	17.00
Japan, Canada, U.S. & Europe		16.30	..	..			15.30
Japan ports	Penza	13.30	..	..			14.00
River Ports	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Nagasaki and Vladivostock			14.00	..	..	..	..
Japan & America via Nagasaki	Penza		..	..	..	c12.30	13.00
E'ope via N'saki & V'vostock	Penza	..	..	..	..	a14.30	14.15
Saturday, Mar. 16.							
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Kasuga maru	..			..	b12.0	11.30
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin		..	9.00	..	..	..	..
Japan		..	11.30	..	..	..	..
Newchwang	Shengking	21.00	17.00	..	17.00	..	21.00
Swatow, Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Japan Ports	Kasuga maru	11.00	..	..	..	..	10.30
Europe via Japan & America	do	..	..	..	11.30	..	11.00
Swatow and Hongkong		..	17.00	..	..	..	..
River Ports	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Japan, Canada, U. S. & Europe	Fushimi maru	20.00	..	..	..	..	17.00
Sunday, Mar. 17.							
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Fushimi maru	..	..	..	..	b9.30	8(16)
Monday, Mar. 18.							
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Omi maru	..			..	b20.00	19.30
Hongkong		..	17.00	..			
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	..	..	..	18.00	..	17.30
Europe via Japan & America	Omi maru	..	..	..	18.00		7.30
Russia via Siberia	Via Pukow	21.00	..	..			20.30
Hongkong and Canton	Suiyang	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Tuesday, Mar. 19.							
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	Shuntien	14.00	13.30	..	..	..	13.30
Wednesday, Mar. 20.							
Japan and U.S.A. via Moji	Kumano maru	..	..	..	..	b20.00	19.30
Europe via Siberia	Via Pukow	..	..	..	18.00	..	17.30
Europe via Japan & America	Kumano maru	..	..	..	18.00		17.30
Russia via Siberia	Via Pukow	21.00	..	..	..	..	20.30

A Parcel post 5 p.m.
B Letters and boxes with declared value 10 a.m. Parcel post and money orders 9.30 a.m.
C Money orders 12.30 p.m.
D Letters and boxes with declared value 11.30 a.m. Parcel post and money orders 11 a.m.
E Money letters and parcels 11 a.m.
F Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m.

Until further notice, mails for Europe, via Pukow and Siberia, will be closed at the Chinese Post Office as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m. Registered mails are closed half an hour earlier.

Mails for Hankow close every day at 11.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Registration at 11.30 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. and for Peking and Tientsin every day at 9 p.m. Registration at 5 p.m. at the Russian Post Office.

Launch Services

TOMORROW

The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 10 a.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the R.V.F. s.s. Penza will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

The National Commercial Bank, Ltd.

(formerly known as The Chekiang Shing Nih Chartered Bank, Ltd.)

Established 1907.

Paid-Up Capital	$1,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	$200,000.00

Head Office: Shanghai.
14, Peking Road.
(Telephone Nos. 2613 and 2614.)

Branches:
Hangchow, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Mukden and Harbin.

Correspondents at the principal cities throughout china.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits both in taels and dollars according to arrangement.

Interest allowed on Savings Account at 4% per annum.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Shen Chu Hsu, Manager.
Shu Chin Mih, Sub-Manager.
C. C. Yang, Sub-Manager.

MITSUI BANK, LTD

SHANGHAI BRANCH
3 Foochow Road

Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 20,000,000.
Reserve	„ 12,550,000.

Head Office: Tokyo, Japan.
President: Baron Takayasu Mitsui.

Branches:
Osaka, Nishi (Osaka), Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Moji, Fukuoka, Shimonoseki, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Nagoya, Fukagawa (Tokyo), Otaru.

Bankers:

London:	Messrs. Barclays Bank, Ltd The London City and Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York:	The National City Bank of New York. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

We transact a General Banking & Foreign Exchange Business.

S. TAKEDA, Manager.

Shipping Items

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The I.-C. s.s. Loongwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The C.N. s.s. Chungking left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Yohyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Monday.

The I.-C. s.s. Kingsing left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Poyang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangfoo left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Siangyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The I.-C. s.s. Luenho left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Suiyang left Hongkong for Amoy and Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The I.-S. s.s. Suiwo will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Luenyi will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tafoo Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Ngankin will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.M. s.s. Klangkwan will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Nanyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.M. s.s. Hsinfung left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo yesterday.

Per S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru with passengers and mails from Europe, left Dalny for Shanghai on Tuesday, and may be expected to arrive at the S.M.R. Co.'s Whangpoo wharf about noon today, passengers will at their option land either direct to the wharf or by the steam launch which is expected to arrive at the Custom's jetty about half an hour after the steamer's arrival at the wharf. She will be desaptched for Dalny via Tsingtao tomorrow, at 11 a.m.

Passengers Arrived

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kasuga Maru from Japan:—Messrs. C. R. O. McBain, T. Watanabe, K. Kawanishi, D. Osawa, K. Osawa, Y. Takase, C. Stane, S. Matsumoto, S. Matsui, R. Sawamoto, Z. Okawara, and I. Kobayashi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Hayashi and 2 children, Mr. E. Fuller, Mr. P. Trayan, Mr. S. Kimura, Mr. T. Kikuchi, Mr. S. Nakajima, Mr. G. Soki, and Mr. T. Takata.

Per R. V. F. s.s. Penza from Vladivostock:—Mrs. Perlstein and son, Mr. Erku, Messrs. Trusevitch, Vigileff, Sleptsoff, Bassman, Chendekoff, Iensh, Vassilevsky, Birger, and Triol, Mrs. Visson, Mr. Hatskel, Mr. and Mrs. Tetsner, Mrs. Golsheff, Mr. and Mrs. Prokofieff, Messrs. Choi On Peri, Tisicher, Sinkoka, Daishteltveit, Isbitsky, Hasselris, Baroness Drahenfels Janovsky, Malakoff, Sadakoff, Hadji, Mahamedoff, Barykin, Resnik Mrs. Malakhoff, Messrs. Pospieloff, Rausek, Samaraeff, Konovaloff, Korshunoff, Kentel, Bondiugin, Smirnoff, Mr. and Mrs. Semicheff, Messrs. Kusnetsoff, Golchak, Drabentovitch, and Kershenblatt, Mrs. Posternak, Messrs. Gerkovitch, Kabalsky, Shtsherbakoff, and Doshtshechkin.

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Mar 17	noon	Seattle etc.	Fushimi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 25	"	Tacoma & Seattle	Africa maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 25	"	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 30	"	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co
" 31	11.00*	Seattle, etc.	Kashima maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Mar 14	11.30*	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Yawata maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 15	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
" 16	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N.Y.K
" 19	"	Yokohama	Omi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 19	"	Kobe	Kitano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 21	"	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 23	"	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Liverpool etc.	Iyo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
London etc.	Kitano maru	Jap	N.Y.K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Mar 14	11.00*	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	Br.	B.&S.
" 14	4.00	Ningpo	Taishun	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 14	A.M.	Foochow	Hsinchi	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 15	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br.	B.&S.
" 15	4.00*	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N.S.S.Co
" 15	A.M.	Hongkong	Kwanglee	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
" 17	"	Hongkong	Canada maru	Jap.	O.S.K
" 17	D.L.	Swatow & Hongkong	Yingchow	Br.	B.&S.
" 19	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Suiyang	Br.	B.&S.
" 19	"	Takao via F'chow & K'lung	Keelung maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 20	"	Hongkong direct	Tenyo maru	Jap	Alexander
" 21	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br	B.&S.
" 3	"	Hongkong	China	Am	P.M.S.S.Co

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Mar 14	D.L.	Tsingtao	Hakushin maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
" 15	11.00*	Tsingtao and Dairy	Kobe maru	Jap. S.M.B.
" 15	3.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus. R.V.F.
" 17	D.L.	Newchwang	Shengking	Br. B.&S.
" 19	3.40	Dairy	Fukuki maru	Jap. S.M.B.
" 19	3.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Shuntien	Br. B.&S.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Mar 14	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Tachi maru	Jap. N.K.K.
" 14	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br. B.&S.
" 14	M.N.	do	Kiangwah	Chi. C.M.S.N.Co.
" 15	M.N.	do	Chungking	Br. B.&S.
" 15	M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br. J.M.&Co.
" 16	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br. B.&S.
" 17	M.N.	do	Yohyang maru	Jap. N.K.K.
" 18	M.N.	do	Tachang maru	Jap. N.K.K.
" 19	D.L.	Wuhu	Wenchow	Br. B.&S.
" 19	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Luenyi	Br. B.&S.
" 20	M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br. B.&S.
" 22	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br. B.&S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Mar 13	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B.&S.	CNCW
" 13	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.	NSCW
" 13	Japan	Kasuga maru	2387	Jap.	N.Y.K.	
" 13	Japan	Fujisan maru	1276	Jap.	M.S.K.	MBKW
" 13	Vladivostock	Penza	2679	Rus.	R.V.F.	9p
" 13	Chinwangtao	Taiko maru	503	Jap.		
" 13	Hankow	Tachi maru	1828	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Mar 13	Hankow etc.	Kiangyung	1451	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
" 13	do	Wuchang	1719	Br.	B.&S.
" 13	do	Fengyang maru	2871	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 13	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Fengtien	1073	Br	B.&S.
" 13	Foochow	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C M S.N.Co.
" 13	Chefoo & Tientsin	Esang	1127	Br	J.M.&Co.
" 13	Japan	Yawata maru	3562	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 13	Japan	Nissho maru	842	Jap.	Furukawa Co
" 13	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B.&S.
" 13	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Tachi Maru, Captain S. Honjoh, will be despatched from Pootung N.K.K. wharf on Thursday, March 14, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage, apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tungting, Capt. Torrible, will leave from the French Bund on Thursday, Mar. 14, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kiangwah, Captain John McArthur, will leave on Thursday, night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Str. Loongwo, tons 3,925 Capt. Findelson, will leave on Friday, March 15, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Passengers Tel. No. 240. Freight Tel. No. 250.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Poyang, Captain Carnaghan, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, March 16, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Yohyang Maru, Captain Y. Ikeda, will be despatched from Pootung N.K.K. wharf on Sunday, March 17, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Luenyi, Captain Frazier, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday March 19, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire Agents French Bund Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Ngankin, Captain Newcomb, will leave on Wednesday, March 20, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tatung, Captain C. C. Williams, will leave from the French Bund on Friday, March 22, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage, Tel. No. 401.

For Southern Ports

FOOCHOW.—The Str. Hsinchi, Captain E. Hausen, will leave on Thursday, morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Shantung, Capt. Meathrel, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, March 14, at 11 a.m. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Hsin Peking, Capt. A. Scott, R.N.R. will leave from the French Bund on Friday, March 15, at 4, p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG.—The Str. Kwanglee, Capt. C. Stewart, will leave on Friday, morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HONGKONG.—The Str. Canada Maru, Captain Y. Yamamoto, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on March 17, at ———— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the Custom jetty at ———— on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4 The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

SWATOW and HONGKONG.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Yingchow Capt. E. B. Simons, will leave from the French Bund on Sunday, March 17, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund, Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Suiyang, Captain J. Gibbs will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, March 19, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

TAKAO (FORMOSA) via FOOCHOW and KEELUNG.—The Str. Keelung Maru, Capt. S. Imai, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on March 19, at ———— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha at ———— on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha. No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

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NEWCHWANG.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Shengking, Captain M-Intosh, will leave on Sunday, March 17, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passape Tel. No. 401.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co's Steamer Shuntien, Capt. Northcombe, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, March 19, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

TIENTSIN, DAIREN & TSINGTAO.—The Str. Kohoku Maru, Capt. S. Ohba, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on April 4, at ———— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leaev the jetyy in front of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha at ———— on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

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FOR JAPAN

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0000 = Midnight, 1330 = 1330 p.m.

July 1st, 1917, and until further notice

Mail 101 B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.	Luxe 1. B. S.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2. B. S.	Mail 4. B.	Mail 102. B. s.
2035	835	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2230	1950	1020
2345	1112	635	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1935	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1930	1653	710
000	1125	650	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2310	524	arr. Mukden dep	2301	. .	1040

Local 5. B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. s.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1612
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	—	1655	1602
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1547
1133	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1221
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	—	1048	928
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	640
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1812
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1542
1300	638	—		arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—	318	dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1256
1556	316	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	—	120	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2336	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	833	—		arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1442
1206	840	—	523	dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1657	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	728

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
. .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1410	. .
2300	1420	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	650
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line				Lincheng-Tsochuang Branch Line			
0930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530	1110	1800	d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100
1038	1456	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	528	1125	1858	638	1219	1908	a. Tsochuang d.	702	1302	1958

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Tientsin, July 1917.

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GERMAN OFFICERS DIRECT BOLSHEVIKI

Cossack Force, However, Is In Excellent Condition, While Red Guards Disagree

Harbin, March 7.—General Semenoff's retreat from Chita is purely strategical. His force is now occupying a position a few versts east of Daouria Station and his staff in Harbin hastily improving technical equipment.

An officer just arrived from Daouria says that Semenoff's force is maintaining excellent condition with iron discipline, whereas the Bolsheviki disagree among themselves and the Cossacks from Chita are unwilling to remain there unless they are paid better. The Bolshevik artillery, which contains some heavy guns, is skilfully directed by German Officers. The members of consular body in Vladivostok have warned the local authorities that they are unable to grant permission for the export of goods to the Maritime provinces as long as they are in control of the Red Guards.

Wilson Message Sent To Soviets

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missioner for Foreign Affairs, has already ordered the return of the persons deported from Livonia, in accordance with the German demands mentioned on the 8th.

Stockholm, March 11.—The crimes of the Red Guards in Finland are daily increasing. The Red Guards choose their victims among the intellectual classes, assassinating principally clergy of democratic sympathies and the landlords. All the councilors from the agricultural districts have been killed except one.

Reuter's Pacific Service

Tokio, March 13.—A telegram from Nicolaievsk states that the Workmen's Soldiers' and Peasants' Association there has passed a resolution condemning the Treaty of Peace with Germany as humiliating and saying that it must be denounced. Messages to that effect have been sent to the Soviets at Moscow, Irkutsk, Habarovsk and other places.

HARD BATTLE IN PALESTINE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—An official despatch from Palestine reports:

Our advance northward on both sides of the Jerusalem-Nablus Road continued through most preciptions and difficult country in the face of a strong resistance by the enemy, who are employing numerous concealed machine-guns. We progressed 3,000 yards on a front of twelve miles, securing the high ridges overlooking the north bank of the Waddi-el-Jib and repulsing three counter-attacks.

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Provision Prices in Local Market

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkew market as compiled on March 12, 1918.

Butcher's Meat		
Beef	per lb.	14-20
Mutton	"	16-20
Pork	"	25-30
Veal	"	25-30
Fish		
Bream	per lb	16-18
Cod	"	14-16
Mandarin	"	20-30
Mackerel	"	15-20
Pomfret	"	25-35
Salmon	"	16-20
Samli	"	none
Soles	"	18-20
Whitebait	"	16-20
Game, Poultry and Eggs		
Deer	each	none
Duck	"	50-80
Eggs	per doz.	16-18
Fowl	per lb	20-22
Geese	each	1.00-1.20
Hare	"	none
Partridge	"	none
Pheasant	"	none
Pigeons	"	20-25
Plover	"	16-12
Quail	"	12-20
Snipe	"	16-18
Turkey	per lb.	25-30
Teal	each	14-16
Wild Duck	"	30-35
Wild Pigeons	"	none
Woodcock	"	50-60
Wild Geese	"	40-50
Fruit		
Apricots	per lb	none
Apple	"	10-18
Bananas	"	5-7
Cherries	"	none
Cocoanuts	each	15-18
Chestnuts	per lb.	8-10
Figs	per doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	none
Lemons	each	7-8
Lichees	per lb.	none
Mangoes	each	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Melons	each	none
Oranges	per lb.	8-12
Peaches	"	none
Persimmons	"	none
Peeboes	per lb.	none
Plums	"	none
Pumeloes	each	12-15
Pineapples	"	none
Pears	per lb.	10-12
Strawberries	"	none
Walnuts	"	10-12
Vegetables		
Artichokes	per lb.	2-3
Asparagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	15-20
Broad Beans	"	12-15
Bettroot	per bunch	2-3
Cabbage	each	5-7
Celery	per bunch	8-10
Carrots	"	2-3
Cauliflower	each	10-15
Egg Plant	per lb.	10-12
French Beans	"	15-20
Green Corn	each	none
Leeks	per bunch	2-3
Mushrooms	per lb.	none
Onions	per lb.	6-8
Parnips	per bunch	3-4
Potatoes	per pic.	$3.00-3.40
Peas	"	8-10
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Spinach	per lb.	2-3
Tomatoes	"	10-12
Turnips	per bunch	2-3
Grain and Flour		
Flour American	per 50 lbs.	$5.75
Flour Australian	per 50 lb.	$4.40
Flour Shanghai	per 50 lb.	$3.20
Rice	per 200 lb.	$8.00
Milk		
Foreign dairies	per bottle	20
Chinese dairies	"	17
Fodder		
Barley	per 114 lbs.	$3.10
Bran	"	$2.15
Fuel		
House Coal	per ton Tls.	19.50
Stove Coal	per ton Tls.	21.75
Firewood	per 50 bundles	$1.00

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E. KILNER.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Mar 11	Hankow	Changon	1289	Br.	Geddes & Co.	NSW
Mar 10	Wenchow	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Mar 13	Japan	Hakushin maru	872	Jap.	N.Y.K.	SMRW
Mar 10	Dalny	Irene	838	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	
Mar 10	Hongkong	Iyo maru	3691	Jap.	N.Y.K.	
Jan 31	Ningpo	Kiangteen	2012	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KND
Mar 13	Hankow	Kiangwah	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Mar 8	Hankow	Meifoo	406	Am.	S. Oil Co	CKPW
Mar 13	Hankow	Meian	417	Am.	S. Oil Co.	SOCW
Feb 23	Cruise	Pacific	727	Dan.	G. N. T. Co	9 p
Mar 10	Chinwangtao	Proteus	1678	Rus.	K.M.A.	KMAW
Feb 16	Cruise	Store Nordiske	596	Dan	G.-N.T. Co.	9 p
Mar 9		Selandia		Br.	E. A. Co.	
Mar 9	Hongkong	Palahadji				
Mar 10	Hankow	Suiyang maru	3397	Jap.	N.K.K.	CMOW
Mar 10	Hongkong	Sunning	1570	Br.	B. & S.	WTW
Mar 11	Dalny	Sakaki maru	1346	Jap.	S.M.R.	SMRW
Mar 11	Hongkong	Shantung	2807	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
Mar 10	Hankow	Tuckwo	2770	Br.	J.M. & Co.	HW
Mar 10	Singapore	Telamon	2943	Br.	B. & S.	
Mar 10	Tientsin	Tungchow	1263	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
Mar 10	Chinwangtao	Tungwah	746	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	SHW
Mar 13	Hankow	Tungting	1264	Br.	B. & S.	CNW
Mar 10	Swatow	Wingsang	1517	Br.	J.M. & Co.	KMAW
Mar 10	Japan	Yei maru	1596	Jap.	K.M.A.	

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Man	Commander
BVIII	—	Cruise	Chiyoda	Jap g-b.	..	..	..	
MMB	Apr. ..		D de Lagree	Fr g-b:	..	..	..	
CNWP	Oct. 26	Cruise	Nightingale	Br. g-b,	85	..	..	
Int.	.. D	do	Warren	Am trp.	..	..	..	

Siccawei Weather Report

12.—Weather bright in the North overcast in the South. North monsoon along the Chinese coast with moderate force. Barometer still rising in the North, but falling in the South.

13.—Overcast and misty weather with slight barometric fall. E.N.E. breezes.

Wednesday, March 13, 1918.

WEATHER	4 a.m.	9 a.m.
Bar. at Centg., mm...	763.92	764.56
Bar. at Centg., inches.	30.08	30.10
Variation mm for 24h	-0.98	-0.93
Variation mm for 21h	-0.41	-1.49
Wind—Direction	Calm	ESE
Wind—Kilom per hour	0	3
Wind—Miles	0.0	1.9
Temperature—Cen ...	7°0	8°2
Temperature—Fah ...	44.6	46.8
Humidity cc	100	100
Nebulosity 5-10	10	10
Rainfall mm	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—

Business and Official Notices

The Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned (No. 1 The Bund) on Thursday, the 28th March, 1918, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st October, 1917.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 21st to the 28th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN,

General Agent.

Shanghai, 12th March, 1918.

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The Tientsin - Pukow Railway Administration

Notification No. 273.

Revision of Goods Tariff (066/12)

The public is hereby notified that the goods tariff of this Railway has been revised and the revised edition will be in force on and from March 15th, 1918. Previous tariffs will be cancelled from that date.

By Order,

THE TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Tientsin, 7th March, 1918.

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NOTICE

THE undersigned hereby give notice:—

That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 27, 1918, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1917, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, March 4, 1918.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.
T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.
A. ARIYOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.
E. D. H. FRASER,
H.B. Majesty's Consul-General.
V. GROSSE,
Consul-General for Russia.
J. E. HULTMAN,
Consul-General for Sweden.
THOMAS SAMMONS,
Consul-General for U.S. of America.
DE REUS,
Consul-General for The Netherlands.
G. DE ROSSI,
Consul-General for Italy.
JORGE R. DE OLIVEIRA,
Consul-General for Portugal.
JORGE R. DE OLIVEIRA,
Acting Consul-General for Cuba.
H. WILDEN,
Acting Consul-General for France.
T. KNUDTZON,
Acting Consul-General for Norway.
HUGO REISS,
Consul for Brazil.
JULIO PALENCIA,
Consul for Spain.

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Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.		
Inaba Maru		Mar. 3
Kanagawa Maru		Jan. 13
Mishima Maru		Jan. 21
Monmouthshire		Jan. 30
For Liverpool		
Kawachi Maru		Feb. 17
Talthybius		Jan. 24
Tamba Maru		Dec. 29
For New York		
Matoppo		Dec. 8
For San Francisco		
Ecuador		Mar. 7
Korea Maru		Mar. 12
Shinyo Maru		Feb. 12
For Tacoma		
Justin		Mar. 10
For Seattle		
Suwa Maru		Feb. 17
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SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE, IN FORCE FROM JANUARY 1st, 1918

Shanghai North To Nanking—Up (Main Line) Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	Local	Express R	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Local	Fast Local	Night Express R.S.
SHANGHAI NORTH....dep.	..	7.55	9.10	9.40	12.45	15.25	17.15	23.00
SOOCHOW ....dep.	..	9.41	11.22	12.20	14.55	18.15	19.20	1.08
WUSIH .....dep.	..	10.31	12.24	13.41	15.54	19.27	20.20	2.10
CHANGCHOW dep.	6.50	11.22	13.16	15.08	16.48	..	21.25	3.10
TANYANG ....dep.	8.05	12.09	14.11	16.16	17.41	..	..	..
CHINKIANG..dep.	9.16	12.52	14.55	17.17	18.22	..	..	5.06
NANKING .....arr.	11.19	*14.15	16.30	19.20	19.50	..	..	6.50
PUKOW .....dep.	..	5.15.30	T.P.R. Second Day	..	..	..	..	..
TSINANFU ...dep.	..	8.18		..	..	..	..	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	16.29		..	..	..	..	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	16.55	P.M.R.	..	..	..	..	..
PEKING .....arr.	..	19.50		..	..	..	..	..

STATIONS.	Local	Fast Local	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Express R.	Local	Night Express R.S.
PEKING .....dep	..	..	..	..	..	8.35	T.P.R.	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	11.40		..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	..	..	..	..	12.00	T.P.R. Second Day	..
TSINANFU ....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	20.27		..
PUKOW .....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	12.56		..
NANKING .....dep.	..	..	7.20	8.00	11.45	*14.20	15.35	23.00
CHINKIANG ..dep.	..	..	9.00	10.10	13.30	16.06	18.16	1.00
TANYANG ....dep.	..	..	9.36	10.59	14.12	16.41	19.03	..
CHANGCHOW dep.	7.00	..	10.34	12.18	15.08	17.39	20.29	3.06
WUSIH .....dep.	8.15	7.10	11.28	13.36	16.00	18.29	..	4.11
SOOCHOW ....dep.	9.35	8.48	12.23	14.54	17.01	19.21	..	5.19
SHANGHAI NORTH ....arr.	12.15	10.15	14.20	17.50	19.00	21.00	..	7.20

R. Restaurant Cars. *Connects Pukow with through Siberian Service. S. Sleeping Cars.

Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (BRANCH LINE) Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down

WOOSUNG FORTS ..dep.	6.50	8.10	10.50	13.15	14.40	16.20	18.10	20.45	SHANGHAI NORTH dep.	6.10	7.30	10.05	12.25	14.00	15.30	17.20	20.00
KIANGWAN dep.	7.17	8.37	11.17	13.42	15.07	16.47	18.37	21.12	KIANGWAN dep	6.21	7.41	10.16	12.36	14.11	15.41	17.41	20.21
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	7.25	8.45	11.25	13.50	15.15	16.55	18.45	21.20	WOOSUNG FORTS..arr.	6.45	8.05	10.40	13.00	14.35	16.05	18.05	20.35

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAHKOU—"DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAHKOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	Local	Fast R	Slow	Coolie & Goods	Local	Express R	Local	Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.	....	7.35	9.00	10.00	....	14.50	15.50	....
Jessfield ..... dep.	....	7.51	9.16	10.23	....	15.06	16.06	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	7.58	9.23	10.38	....	15.13	16.13	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	8.15	9.40	10.53	....	15.30	16.29	....
Shanghai South ..... dep.	....	*7.45*	*9.10*	*10.20*	*13.35*	*15.00*	*16.00*	*17.55*
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	*8.15*	*9.40*	*10.53*	*13.52*	*15.30*	*16.29*	*18.12*
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	8.59	10.48	12.02	....	16 07	17 42	....
Kashai ..... dep.	....	9.51	11.52	13.28	....	16.53	18 49	....
Kashing ..... dep.	7.40	10.25	12 30	14.35	....	17.22	19.20	....
Tsech ..... dep.	8.45	11.05	13.15	15.50	....	17.58	....	....
Changan ..... dep.	9.45	11.41	14 00	16.50	....	18 24	....	....
Hangchow ..... dep.	11.10	12 50	15.25	18.30	....	19.19	....	....
Zahkou ..... arr.	11.35	13.10	15.50	19.00	....	19.35	....	....

STATIONS	Local	Local	Fast R	Slow	Local	Coolie and Goods	Express R	Local
Zahkou ..... dep.	....	....	6.30	7.55	....	9.20	14.10	15.30
Hangchow ..... dep.	....	....	7.00	8.30	....	10.00	14.35	16.05
Changan ..... dep.	....	....	8.04	9.48	....	11.40	15.20	17.35
Yehzah ..... dep.	....	....	8.41	10.31	....	12.39	15.51	18.40
Kashing ..... dep.	....	7.15	9.28	11.22	....	14.10	16.30	19.30
Kashai ..... dep.	....	7.48	9.53	11.55	....	14.48	16.52	....
Sungkiang ..... dep.	....	9.05	10.47	12.59	....	16.08	17.40	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	*8.18*	*10.33*	*11.38*	*14.08*	*15.33*	*17.23*	*18.23*	....
Shanghai South ..... arr.	*8.35*	*10.50*	*11.55*	*14.25*	*15.50*	*17.40*	*18.40*	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	10 30	11.35	14.05	....	17.18	18.20	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	10.39	11.44	14.14	....	17.28	18.29	....
Jessfield ..... dep	....	10.46	11.51	14.21	....	17.37	18.36	....
Shanghai North ..... arr	....	11 00	12.05	14.35	....	17.55	18.50	....

KONZENCHIAO TO ZAHKOU KIANGSHOO BRANCH LINE. ZAHKOU TO KONZENCHIAO

Konzenchiao	dep.	6.50	8.25	11.25	14.00	15.55	18.35	Zahkou	dep.	....	10.10	12.25	...	17.20	....
Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.10	8.50	11.40	14.15	16.15	18.50	Hangchow	dep.	7.30	10.40	12 45	14.55	17.50	19.15
Hangchow	dep.	7.20	9.15	11.52	14.24	16 30	19.00	Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.42	10.57	12.57	15.12	18.07	19.27
Zahkou	arr.	....	9.40	12.10	....	16.55	....	Konzenchiao	arr.	7 55	11.10	13.10	15.25	18.20	19.40

R. Restaurant Cars

Business and Official Notices

Sealed proposals in duplicate will be received at the American Consulate General at Shanghai, (No. 13 Whangpoo Road) until 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd, 1918, for the repair of and alterations to the buildings and accessories belonging to the United States Government and situated at Nos. 11 to 19, both inclusive, Whangpoo Road, on U.S. Lot No. 2222, Cadastral Lot No. 1003, covered by drawings and specifications prepared by direction of the Department of State. The said drawings and specifications cover the following items:

A General Contract (one proposal) comprising: excavation, filling, etc.; concrete work; brick work; stone work; carpentry and joinery; roofing, skylights and sheet metal work; miscellaneous metal work; lathing and plastering; tile and terrazo work; painting and varnishing; glazing.
New Finished Hardware (one proposal).
The Plumbing and Installation of Plumbing Fixtures (one proposal).
The Electric Wiring (one proposal).
The Electric Fixtures (one proposal).
The Heating System (one proposal).

Drawings and specifications will be kept on file beginning Saturday, March 16th, 1918, for the examination of contractors, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the American Consulate General, 13 Whangpoo Road, and at the office of the Architect, G. F. Ashley, Esquire, 39a Kiangse Road, where proposal forms may be obtained free of charge. A limited number of sets of drawings and specifications will be available for loan to contractors and may be obtained at the office of the Architect on the above date, upon deposit of Mexican $20.00, which deposit will be returned when the said drawings and specifications are returned in good condition.

All proposals must be accompanied by a certificate of the International Banking Corporation to the effect that a specified sum, which shall be the equivalent of ten per cent of the total of the bid therein stated, has been deposited with them to the credit of the American Consul General, as a guaranty, the said deposits to be returned on award of the contracts, but in no event to be retained for a period longer than ten days from the date of opening of the bids, except that the deposits of three bidders for each item may be retained for a period not to exceed twenty one days from the date of opening of the bids.

The Department of State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

STUART J. FULLER,
American Consul-General at Large.
THOMAS SAMMONS,
American Consul-General at Shanghai.

Shanghai, China, March 13th, 1918.
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No. 497.

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W. Ferd. Tyler,
Coast Inspector.

Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 13th March, 1918.

Removal Notice

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The Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 2 Jinkee Road, TODAY, the 14th day of March, 1918, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th to the 14th day of March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Shanghai, February 28, 1918.
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The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, on MONDAY, the 25th March, 1918, at 4.30 p.m., when the Report and Accounts for the 12 months ended 31st December, 1917, will be presented.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th March to the 25th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
E. BURROWS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 11th March, 1918.
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Weather permitting, the Races will be held on Saturday, 16th March, 1918. The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

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By Order of the Stewards,
R. H. NEWMAN,
Secretary.
Shanghai Paper Hunt Club.
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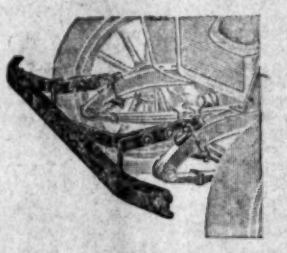

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DAVID L. ANDERSON,
Executor.
c-o Standard Oil Company,
Shanghai, China.

Shanghai, China, Feb. 19, 1918.

Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn--Bosch--En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, 1 Yuenmingyuen Road, on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.
Shanghai, 23rd Febrdary, 1918.
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Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn--Bosch--En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Offices of the Company, Tandjong Poera, Lower Langkat, Sumatra, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th April, 1918.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.
Shanghai, 23rd February, 1918.
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